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U.S. NAVY STRIPPED FOR ACTION

Zero Hour For Shoot At Sight

Actual Convoying Believed Likely

SINCE "ZERO HOUR" (ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT) THE UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET, STRIPPED FOR ACTION, HAS BEEN TAKING UNDER ARMED PROTECTION ALL LEASE AND LEND CARGOES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ICELAND.

The widely accepted view in authoritative quarters in Washington is that this means actual convoying.

That the statement of the Secretary of Navy, Col. Frank Knox, was broader than the "shoot at sight" policy set forth by President Roosevelt, was the expressed opinion of naval strategists.

They declared the adequate protection of merchantmen meant convoys as the only certain way of ensuring the protection of all ships at the crucial moment of attack.

FOR ITS TASK OF WATCH-DOG OVER THE PRICELESS CARGOES OF AID TO BRITAIN THE ATLANTIC FLEET IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY MORE THAN 125 VESSELS.

These include three old battleships assigned to it when it was created a year ago, while the Fleet has been steadily growing by the addition of newly-built vessels, and probably by transfers from the Pacific Fleet.

Meanwhile the U.S. Navy Department has announced that every naval vessel authorised by law has been contracted for "in creation of the greatest array of fighting ships under one flag the world has ever seen."

In Battle Line

It is disclosed that two of six new 35,000-ton dreadnoughts, the "North Carolina" and "Washington," have been added to the battle line this month, giving the United States 17 battleships in actual service.

The Navy Department also stated that a survey of vessels in the course of construction and contracted for revealed "astounding progress" in the accelerated building of the two-ocean navy.

A total of 2,831 combat and auxiliary ships has been ordered since January 1, 1940, at a cost of $7,234,262,178.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT AND AMATEUR STRATEGISTS

Replying to a query whether convoying was one means of protecting the flow of Lease and Lend supplies, President Roosevelt said yesterday that amateur strategists should not assume there was only one means.—Reuter.

WAR MAY BE FORCED ON U.S.

"Events of the last few days strongly indicate that war may be forced upon the United States," announced Mr. Ralph Bard, Assistant Secretary of Navy, addressing ensigns of the training ship "Prairie State" yesterday.

MR. BARD SAID GERMAN SUBMARINES WERE COMING EVEN CLOSER TO THE AMERICAN SHORES AND THAT FOUR-ENGINED BOMBERS HAD SUNK SHIPS WITHIN A FEW MILES OF LAND IN THIS HEMISPHERE.

"The possibilities of attack which were scoffed at a year ago are viewed with apprehension today," he said.—Reuter.

"Pacific Agreement"

JAPAN STICKS TO STORY

Announcement of a "Japanese - American agreement" as a result of the recent discussions in Washington, has been delayed owing to difficulties which have arisen during the past week.

THIS IS ACCORDING TO THE TOKYO CORRESPONDENT OF THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY.

The correspondent adds: "This has caused the Government to defer the announcement of basic points on which agreement has been reached.

"ALTHOUGH THE NATURE OF THE DIFFICULTIES IS NOT CLEAR IT IS UNDERSTOOD THEY ARE NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE THE COLLAPSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS OR JEOPARDISE THE HOPES OF A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.

"The difficulties are alleged to have resulted from points raised by Washington at the eleventh hour.

"Before these difficulties arose the two Governments are said to have reached agreement on certain basic principles covering future Japanese-American relations and relating chiefly to an assurance of peace in the Pacific and the gradual easing of the economic restrictions against Japan."—Reuter.

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PANAMA DEMANDS INDEMNITIES

The Panamanian Government has instructed its Minister in Berlin to present a formal protest to the German Government regarding the sinkings of the steamships "Sessa" and "Montana," advising him to claim indemnity.

Decision in this regard was taken at yesterday morning's Cabinet session. — Reuter.

BITTER RIVER BATTLE.

German plans to use certain small islands and one bank of the River "V" in the neighbourhood of Leningrad as a jumping off ground for a further advance towards the city, have been foiled after a bitter struggle.

Preparing for their task under the cover of artillery fire the Russians launched an attack at dawn. Aided by boats and pontoons they crossed the river and stormed the islands concerned with bayonets and hand grenades.

A girl member of the Leningrad volunteers was among the first line of the storming party. She was armed with a rifle and hand grenade.

THE GERMANS PUT UP FIERCE RESISTANCE BUT IN THE END THEY WERE FORCED OFF THE ISLANDS AND NOW THE RUSSIANS HOLD BOTH THE RIVER BANKS AS WELL.

The Germans lost hundreds of dead and much material in this battle. They are now venting their anger by fruitlessly shelling the islands concerned.—Reuter.

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MUNITIONS TRAIN BLOWN UP

Eleven mysterious accidents occurred in Czechoslovakia during the latter part of July, according to news reaching authoritative Czech circles in Jerusalem yesterday.

In addition an ammunition train from the famous Skoda armaments works has been blown up.

Over 250 officers and men of the German army were killed in one accident.

The mass destruction of crops at night in Slovakia has led to the imposition of a curfew covering all grainfields.—Reuter.

Queen's Property Seized

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands has had all her property seized by the German occupation authorities in the Netherlands.

The order of seizure applies also to all property belonging to living members of the House of Orange-Nassau, states a Hague despatch to the German news agency.

The confiscation is based on a decree dealing with persons who foster anti-German sentiments.

In one announcement issued by the Reich Commissar it is stated that "the former Queen Wilhelmina has excluded herself from the unity of the new Europe by her persistence in adhering to the Bolshevik-capitalistic front." — Reuter.

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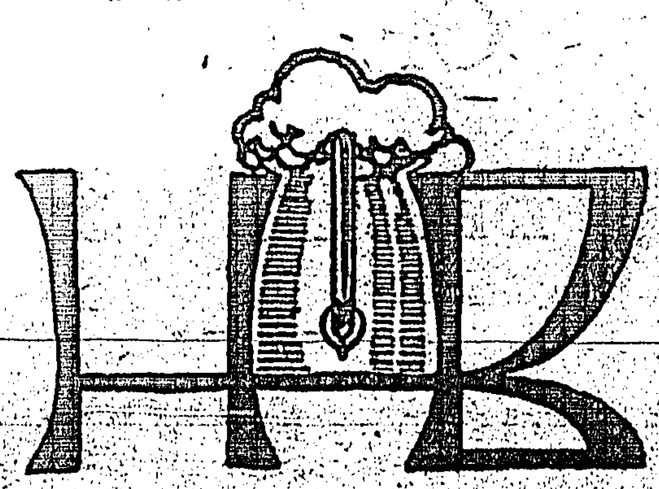

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DECISIVE RESULTS LACKING

Significant German Communique

Russia Still Uninformative

(War Commentary by "Annalist")

THE RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE YESTERDAY WAS NO MORE INFORMATIVE THAN USUAL, SPEAKING SIMPLY OF BITTER FIGHTING ALONG THE ENTIRE FRONT.

The German communique indulged in some extravagant claims regarding prisoners captured, divisions destroyed and war material put out of action south of Lake Ilmen.

Most significant feature of the German claim is the fact that the successes have, according to the German High Command, taken place over the period of the last few weeks.

This does not suggest there has been a major battle with a decisive result.

It rather looks as though, in the absence of a big concrete success, the Germans have added up their alleged local results, multiplied the whole by "x" and blazoned forth a shout of victory in order to keep up the morale of their own people and prepare them at the same time for news of considerable German losses.

Assuredly success cannot be achieved without sacrifices against such stubborn fighters as the Russians admittedly are.

Therefore, despite the identification by number of a number of Russian armies alleged to have been smashed, the whole tenor of the German communique is unconvincing.

More Stabilised

There is no news from either side regarding the fighting in the central zone but in the south the Germans claim to be advancing eastward on a broad front across the Dnieper River.

This probably refers to the capture of Kremenchug, which the Russians admitted on Monday and where the situation seems subsequently to have become more or less stabilised.

Best criterion of the situation is the fact that neither Leningrad, Kiev or Odessa seem to be unduly concerned about the situation.—Reuter.

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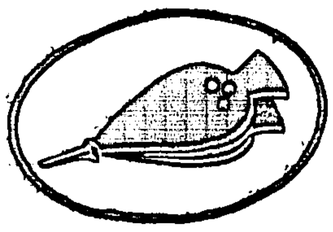
DE GAULLE BACK IN ENGLAND

General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces, has returned to London after five months' absence.

During his absence he visited Syria, following the armistice with the Vichy authorities there, and on his way back passed through Cairo and Brazzaville, centre of Free French Equatorial Africa.—Reuter.



FELLOWSHIP OF THE BELLOWS

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WHAT NAZIS TELL SWEDEN

Wormsoe Island, situated between Dagoe and Oesel, in the Baltic Sea off the Estonian coast, has been captured by the Germans, according to Berlin reports quoted by Swedish correspondents in the Nazi capital.

The Finns claim to have broken Russian resistance in the province of Olonetz although admitting that numerous pockets of Russian troops are still holding out.

The Swedish correspondents quote the Finns as stating they are advancing on both sides of the marshy tract while the Russians are feverishly improving their defences at Petroskoj.

Further German reports quoted by Swedish correspondents say Finnish batteries are now bombarding Leningrad whose outer defences have been penetrated at many points and a ring of 15 or 20 kilometres from the centre is almost complete around the city.

These correspondents say the Germans claim that the thrust in the south over Keretop and Kremenchug is designed to cut off Kiev and to encircle an area as large as Saxony.—Reuter.

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VILLAGE LEAD IN SAVINGS

Two Average £175 A Head

While London was collecting the record aggregate of more than £120,000,000 in its War Weapons Week, three South of England villages, too small to figure on many maps, were hard at work achieving equally remarkable records.

Some time ago Heckmondwike, Yorkshire, raised from its War Weapons effort an average of £42 per head of the population.

A number of other towns achieved similar amounts per head. Shaftesbury, for instance, raised £49 per head.

Now even these figures have been exceeded, and by comfortable margins, by tiny places in Hampshire and Sussex.

The sussex village is Fairwarp, of 2,216 inhabitants. Its total of £200,000 represents £120 a head of the population. Substantial cheques from two or three "big houses" helped matters along, though the ordinary residents and the many evacuees played a big part.

Even more remarkable was the effort of the Hampshire hamlets, Dunley and Litchfield. Their combined population is 128—the smallest community in the country, it is believed, to attempt a War Weapons Week.

These two places, with three large houses and many farm workers' cottages, collected £22,442, and the average worked out at £175.

HITLER BEATEN IF SOVIETS KEEP ARMY INTACT

The belief that even if the Russians should be forced to retreat from Kiev, Leningrad and Moscow, Hitler is already beaten as long as the line is kept intact, was voiced by Mr. Peter Fraser, New Zealand Premier, speaking at a civic reception in Wellington yesterday.

Mr. Fraser added this view is held in authoritative circles in Britain.—Reuter.

PRISONERS OF WAR IN INDIA

Total number of prisoners of war in India has now been announced as about 7,500 officers and 32,000 men, says Reuter from Bombay.

LENINGRAD TALK TO LONDON

Leningrad and London are now talking on the air.

In response to a Londoners' message broadcast a few days ago the Leningrad radio yesterday responded: "Listen," people of London, this is Leningrad calling.

"We thank you warmly for your greetings. We admire your courageous airmen, soldiers and sailors in fighting our common enemy, Nazi Germany.

"We shall ruthlessly avenge the innocent blood of the peaceful inhabitants of London, Coventry, Plymouth, Liverpool, Warsaw, Moscow and Leningrad.

"The people of Leningrad are fighting the Fascist hordes with determination and fortitude. Your voice of friendship, coming from the battlefield, inspires us to new resistance till final victory

London will talk to Leningrad through the B.B.C.—Reuter.

SOVIET STILL CONTROLS GULF OF FINLAND

(By Reuter's Resident Correspondent in Moscow)

THE FACT THAT SOVIET BASES CONTINUE TO CONTROL THE ENTRANCE OF THE GULF OF FINLAND IS BY FAR THE MOST INTERESTING REVELATION OF THE OVERNIGHT SOVIET COMMUNIQUE.

The German attempt to land troops on the island of Saremo, or Ezel, off the Estonian coast, was beaten off not only by the Soviet fleet but also by aircraft and shore batteries.

It has always been known that the Soviet forces continued to hold Hango, off the Finnish coast, and from time to time there have been descriptive accounts in the Soviet press of fights by which more of the small islands studding the entrance to and the waters of the Finnish Gulf have been seized and occupied by Soviet troops.

The attempted German landing on Sarema island can be regarded as linking up with their general plan for operations against Leningrad.

Without at least partial control of the entrance of the Gulf of Finland it would be most difficult for the Germans to attempt to use sea power on any scale as a further arm against the defenders of Leningrad.

Serious Attempt

At present the Russians are able to use men of the Baltic Fleet for many local tasks in the defence of Leningrad.

But the men would have to be withdrawn from these tasks if it were a question of any major naval operations to be undertaken against the Germans, which would be the case if the latter forced an entry in strength into the Gulf of Finland.

IT IS EVIDENT FROM THE NUMBER OF VESSELS INVOLVED THAT IT WAS A SERIOUS ATTEMPT WHICH WAS MADE TO SEIZE THE SOVIET BASE OF SAREMA, AND IT IS CONSIDERED TO BE OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE THAT THE GERMAN ATTACK HAS BEEN BEATEN OFF WITH SUCH FIRMNESS.—REUTER.

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DEATH OF A. B. HOUGHTON

THE DEATH WAS ANNOUNCED IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY (SAYS REUTER) OF ALANSON BIGELOW HOUGHTON, WHO WAS UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN FROM 1925 TO 1929 AND THREE YEARS BEFORE THAT AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY.

Soon after he succeeded Mr. Frank B. Kellogg as Ambassador to Britain in 1925, Mr. Houghton attracted attention by a striking statement which is recalled in the light of present events.

This was "I believe the safety, peace and happiness of the whole world depend on peace between the United States and Great Britain. If we cannot get along who can?" — Reuter.

Library, Supreme Court

Shah's Son May Not Be Permitted To Take Reins

Further Activity Indicated

THE DRAMATIC announcement of the abdication of Shah Pahlevi of Iran is likely to be followed by further developments in Teheran in the next few days, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns.

Confirmation of the abdication has not yet reached London though authoritative quarters are prepared to accept the news as true as it is in line with the probable course of events in view of the extreme unpopularity of the Shah's regime and the oppression under which the Iranian people have been labouring for years past.

It is known that the people of Teheran were surprised that the Allies did not themselves take a stronger line against the intrigues with the Germans from the beginning, but British policy has been rather to strengthen the people in realisation of their aims of self-expression.

IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE SURPRISING IF THE IRANIANS ACCEPT THE ACTION OF THE SHAH IN NOMINATION OF THE CROWN PRINCE AS HIS SUCCESSOR, AS THE TWO ARE TARRED WITH THE SAME BRUSH.

The Iranian Government has so far shown helpful appreciation of the realities of the situation.

Clearing Up Situation

British and Russian forces in equal numbers are now moving towards Teheran, state authoritative quarters in London.

Purpose of this action is stated to be not directly related to the abdication of the Shah but is concerned with the definite intention of the Allies to clear up the situation regarding the Germans who will be deported from Iran, and to put an end to the Axis tactics which the Iranian Government, in spite of good intentions, had not been alone able to counter effectively.

Absolute Ruler

The Shah has left the capital. He is going to Sifahan by the road along which the British troops are advancing towards Teheran.

During an extraordinary meeting of the Iran Parliament yesday, the ex-Shah was declared to be solely responsible for the Government's policy during the last 20 years because he was an absolute ruler, according to a radio announcement.

A declaration was also made regarding the new Government. This, it was stated, will be based on constitutional procedure.

The new Shah will be sworn in this afternoon. — Reuter.

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SIR HENRY CRUMP PASSES

Sir Henry Ashbrooke Crump died of a heart attack at the English Hospital in Lisbon yesterday.

Sir Henry, formerly in the Indian Civil Service, had retired to Alassio, in Italy, and came to Portugal recently as a refugee.—Reuter.

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NEW TAX BILL ON FINAL STAGES

The U.S. House of Representatives yesterday without a vote promptly approved the £803,000,000 compromise version of the Defence Tax Bill, thus clearing the way for final action to-day by the Senate.—Reuter.

SOVIET WOMEN BEHIND THE LINE

Soviet Russia leaves the actual fighting to men, but hundreds of women have gone to the war front, serving in various capacities.

Some women are nurses, others are serving in military headquarters as interpreters, stenographers, clerks and similar positions.

Thousands of them are wearing natty uniforms featuring a blue skirt, khaki tunic and peaked cap.

But woman's place in war has been designated formally by the Soviets as mainly behind the lines, replacing men who have gone to the front.

Reports abroad that Russian women have been fighting as troops in the ranks of the Red Army have been dismissed here as German progaganda or stemming from isolated incidents.

For instance, there was the case of the washwoman in a western border town who dropped her washing when the Germans came, grabbed a rifle and helped the local regiment face the attack.

There was another instance in which eight Karelian girls joined with troops in fighting on the Finnish frontier.

But the general tendency has been to discourage any Amazonian ambitions among Russian women and turn their zeal into other channels.

Training courses have been provided to equip women for tasks in factories, and on farms. The Stalin Automobile Factory in Moscow, for example, is training 200 girls to become skilled mechanics.

The newspaper "Pravda," whose leading editorial daily lays down the law for some branch of Soviet life, had its say about women early in the war, outlying their specific tasks as:

The Tasks

1. Working in factories and fields.
2. Training in first aid.
3. Organising air raid and gas defence.
4. Watching for speculators, gossips and panic-mongers.
5. Maintaining discipline, and helping to guard cities under martial law.

"Pravda" estimated there are more than 11,000,000 women working in factories and offices, and more than 19,000,000 working on farms.

The Slogan

The women's slogan has been: "Not a single machine, not a single tractor, not a single combine should remain idle.

"Fascists are reducing women to an existence without rights, in slavery and misery, recognising only one right — forced labour. The Soviet woman is emancipated, has the same rights as man in public, political and economic life. She has equal rights with man to fight Fascism."

But that does not mean Russian women are firing guns, flying 'planes or driving tanks. They are fighting their battle on the home front.

KING LEOPOLD DEFENDED

A plea for a complete reversal of judgment about King Leopold III.'s conduct during the campaign in Belgium in May of last year is made by Prof. Emile Cammaerts in a book published under the title "The Prisoner at Laeken" (Cresset Press: 10s 6d).

M. Cammaerts's trenchant vindication of the King is strongly supported in a preface by Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes, M.P. Britain's special liaison officer with the King of the Belgians. The greater part of the preface was reproduced in "The Daily Telegraph" recently.

A destructive analysis is made of M. Reynaud's famous broadcast on the morning of May 28, which started what the author calls the "legend" of King Leopold's premeditated treason.

M. Cammaerts feels forced to entertain the suspicion that the French Prime Minister deliberately attacked the King's conduct and reputation to bolster up his own tottering position.

In a detailed review of the campaign M. Cammaerts shows that at the time of the surrender the Belgians were entirely surrounded and isolated from the British on their right.

They had reached the last stages of exhaustion. They could no longer be supplied with food and ammunition. They could not be protected from a constant and murderous air bombardment, and the King gave his Allies full warning of the capitulation thus forced on him.

The Belgian army found itself trapped in a position where access to Dunkirk was impossible, while a "Dunkirk" evacuation from other ports such as Ostend or Zeebrugge was ruled out by the absence of ships.

Any other decision than the one King Leopold took, M. Cammaerts argues, would have exposed both his army and the 2,000,000 civilians crammed in Western Belgium to a wholesale massacre.

The only conceivable benefit from such a sacrifice, he urges, would have been to gain a short delay in the German advance, allowing the British and French more time to embark at Dunkirk.

It was much more likely, he adds, to have been a rout jeopardising the evacuation and converting a more or less orderly operation into a wild scramble.

"The King of the Belgians," M. Cammaerts says, "does not appeal for pity but for justice. He does not wish to be forgotten crimes which he has not committed. He wishes only that the truth should be established and the facts recognised."

HEAVY AIR RAID ON CAIRO

Thirty-nine were killed and 33 injured when the Cairo area was raided early yesterday morning, it is officially reported in Cairo, according to a brief Reuter message.

King Peter's Birthday

St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday was a scene of pomp and splendour when the King and Queen, Mr. Winston Churchill and members of the British Cabinet attended a special service celebrating the Royal coming of age, at 18, of King Peter II of Yugoslavia.

Pictures of the King and Queen and other royal dignatories were prominently featured in the London evening papers.

King Peter, in naval uniform, sat with his mother, Queen Marie, and two young brothers, Princes Tomislav and Andrei, the latter in school uniforms of grey flannels.

Queen Elizabeth wore eggshell blue and King George was in admiral's uniform.

Next to the Queen sat King Haakon of Norway, the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg and the Crown Prince of Norway.

The President of the Polish Republic, the President of Czechoslovakia and Madame Benes and Prince Bernhard sat in the same row.

The High Commissioners of the Dominions, foreign Ambassadors and the heads of the Allied forces were also present. — Reuter.

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WESTERN DESERT INSPECTION

Indian troops in the Western Desert were inspected yesterday by the Maharajah of Bahawalpore.

Previously the Maharajah was received by King Farouk. He was accompanied to the Palace and introduced to the King by the British Ambassador, Sir Miles Lampson. — Reuter.

BISMARCK VENGEANCE HONOURS

Finis was written yesterday to the epic story of the sinking of the "unsinkable" Bismarck which was the swift revenge which the British exacted from the German navy for the sinking of H.M.S. Hood.

Yesterday came an announcement of awards to officers and men of the Fleet Air Arm who crippled the Nazi battleship, enabling the Royal Navy to send the German ship to the bottom.

The awards include three D.S.O.'s, D.S.M.'s and three mentioned in despatches.

Shared by aircraft of Ark Royal and Victorious and by H.M.S. Sparrowhawk and one naval air station, the honours are made for "gallantry, daring and skill in operations in which the German battleship Bismarck was destroyed."—Reuter.

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Present Of A Gorilla

President Roosevelt has accepted, "in the fine spirit in which it was offered," the gift of an enormous gorilla from the Free French authorities in French Equatorial Africa as a symbol of the ferocity of their fight against Nazism.

General de Larminat, offering the gorilla, which is en route to the United States, wrote: "We are not the largest but, we hope, the most ferocious group of fighting men engaged in the struggle taking place to-day."

The gorilla is described as the largest "and we believe the most ferocious gorilla" ever sent from Africa.—Reuter.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE COUNCIL MEETING

It was announced in Bombay yesterday, according to Reuter, that the National Defence Council will be meeting for the first time on October 6, 7 and 8 and the Viceroy will preside.

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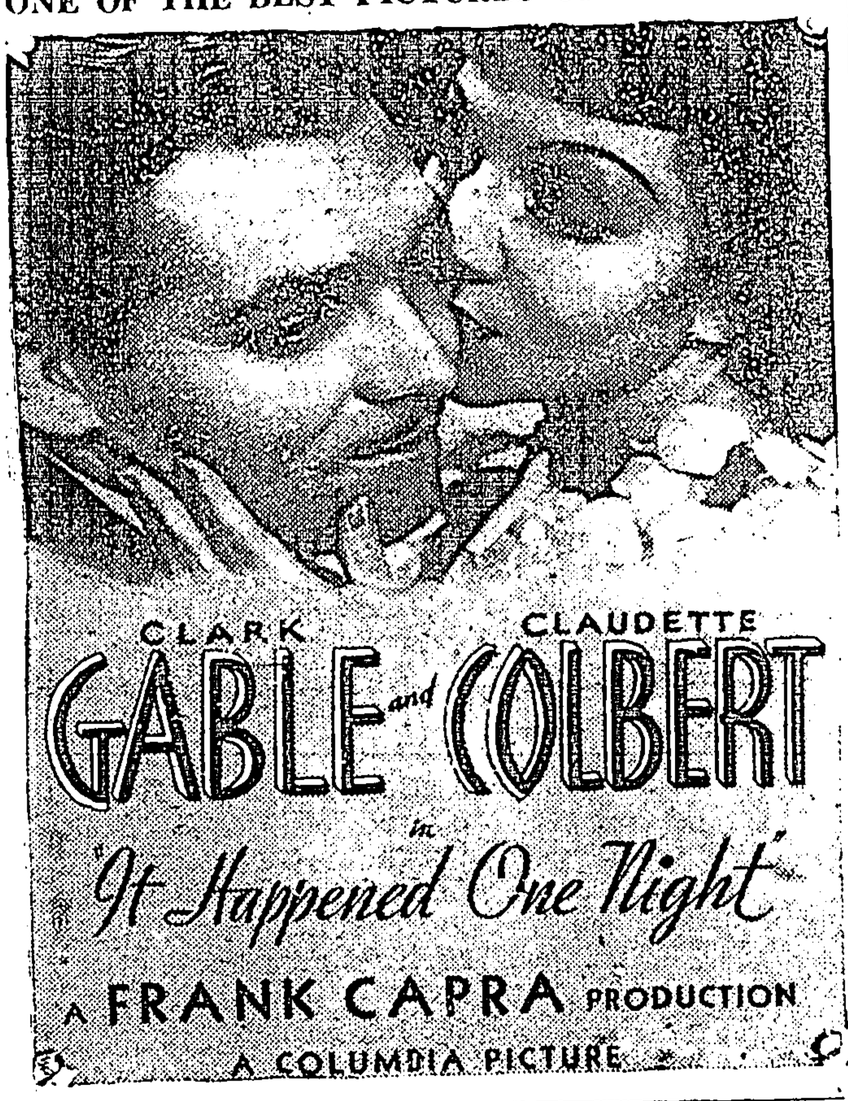

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HITLER WILL BLOW HIMSELF UP, ACCORDING TO HOOVER

THE VIEW THAT HITLER will collapse as a result of his own over-reaching and that the United States should become the bulwark of freedom at home was expressed by Mr. Herbert Hoover, ex-President of the United States, in a radio address to the American nation yesterday.

"The President's policy of sending our warships into danger zones and sending American merchant ships with contraband are steps to war not approved by Congress and not in accord with the spirit of representative government," he added.

Contending that neither isolation nor intervention were wise or possible for America, Mr. Hoover asserted that the U.S. should follow the constructive policy of building an impregnable defence and the bulwark of freedom at home and reserve its strength to help in reconstruction and stabilising peace "when Hitler collapses as the result of his own over-reaching."

England, he declared, could prevent invasion "if we give her the tools and even warships without sending our boys to death either in ships or on land. "Hitler is on the way to be crushed by victorious forces within his own regime."

"Example"

Mr. Hoover said that the way to spread the ideals of the western world was by the example of "our own country, as it has been proved by bitter experience that it is futile for us to impose freedom and justice upon the world by war."—Reuter.

HOOD CASUALTY LIST

When an enemy shell exploded in the magazine and sank the 42,000-tons British battle-cruiser Hood in the battle of May 24 with the German battleship Bismarck—which survived only three days before British warships sent her to the bottom—1,418 men of Hood became casualties, "all missing presumed killed."

Their names occupied 43 pages of an Admiralty casualty list issued in London yesterday consisting of 94 officers, 1,152 ratings, 161 Royal Marines, four Australian naval ratings and seven members of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute.

Four Polish midshipmen and 90 British boys (ratings and Marines) figure in the list.

Officers lost include the noted gunnery expert Vice-Admiral Lancelot Ernest Holland, aged 53, who has been described as one of the most outstanding officers of his generation, and Captain Ralph Kerr, who commanded Hood.

The three survivors picked up included a midshipman aged 17 who was making his first voyage. —Reuter.

KING PETER'S AIR FORCE

Seventeen-year-old King Peter of Yugoslavia told a correspondent that he is going to form a free Yugoslav air force, in which he will fly himself as a navigator.

We talked in the chintz-curtained room of a cottage in this country district 50 miles from London. The King's mother, Queen Marie, sat beside him. She joined in the conversation, calling him "son" when she addressed him.

King Peter, who wore naval uniform, is an unaffected youngster with catching schoolboy enthusiasm. He chatted freely on any subject I cared to raise.

"The first thing I am going to do after I have had a short rest," he said, "is to marshal the free Yugoslav forces throughout the world, particularly in America. I want above all to form a free Yugoslav air force of American machines.

"There are 300 young Slav pilots ready now to fight in the air to regain their country's freedom. With volunteers from America I hope this number will be quadrupled in a very short time.

"I am a trained navigator myself, and I shall certainly fly with the force when it is ready for action. In the meantime I want to get my wings—I hope with the R.A.F. They are the best trained air force in the world."

"The very finest," his mother underlined.

When I asked King Peter what type of machine he wanted to pilot, he replied enthusiastically: "Oh, a big ship—in a bomber. I like to have other people with me. Reconnaissance work in a fighter must be a terribly lonely job."

King Peter hoped also to form a free Yugoslav army and navy.

"Nazi Will Regret Russia"

I asked King Peter what he thought of the German invasion of Russia. "They will do themselves a lot of harm" he said with sudden gravity. "The Nazis have taken on a bigger job than they realise, and they will be regretting it very shortly.

"While they become more and more involved in that vast country we will be able to batter Germany from behind ruthlessly and continuously and more heavily every day.

"If it were not for the suffering which some civilians will have to undergo I would say that the invasion of Russia is a good thng. It will shorten the war considerably."

After we had discussed the war and his hopes for the future, King Peter told me of the lighter side of his problems.

"I am waiting for my ration book to be delivered," he said, "so that I can buy some clothes. I was able to bring very few clothes with me and I shall be glad to see my margarine coupons when they arrive."

Queen Marie paid a graceful tribute to the people of this country and the way they have stood up to bombing. "They have been wonderful," she said. "The spirit of London is quite unchanged."

King Peter and his mother are living a simple life in a small cottage just big enough for their needs. I was taken in to see them immediately I arrived without a trace of ceremony.

SYRIAN REPUBLIC RESTORED

General Catroux, C.-in-C. of the Free French forces in the Levant, acting in the name of the Allies, has restored the Syrian Republic, vesting it with authority.

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MUTT AND JEFF — By BUD FISHER

TIN HAT BALL

ONE OF THE MAIN FEATURES AT THE TIN HAT BALL WHICH IS TO BE HELD AT THE PENINSULA HOTEL ON OCTOBER 3, IN AID OF HONG KONG'S BOMBER FUND, WILL BE AN ENTIRELY NEW CABARET BY CAROL BATEMAN, ASSISTED BY GELSTON GILMOUR. SEVERAL NEW DANCE NUMBERS ARE NOW BEING REHEARSED BY LEADING MEMBERS OF THE COLONY'S FAIR SEX, AND THE FACT THAT CAROL IS, WITH HER USUAL ABILITY AND ORIGINALITY, UNDERTAKING THE PRODUCTION, GIVES EVERY PROMISE THAT THE SHOW WILL BE A VERY PLEASING ONE.

Dresses are being specially designed, and a local gentleman has kindly come forward and offered to defray the cost of the Cabaret wardrobe.

Other attractions and novelties are also being prepared, but as these are as yet in the hush-hush stage, the public are advised to watch for further announcements.

Those who are planning parties are specially requested to reserve their tables as soon as possible. A large attendance is already assured, and both the promoters and the management of the hotel hope that the usual last minute rush will be avoided so that all table arrangements can be made well in advance.

New Awards For Courageous Needs

Reports of courageous deeds by British and Indian officers and men in the fighting in the Western Desert are made in the following announcements of immediate awards by the Commander-in-Chief, Middle East.

Military Cross: Lieut. N. B. Thomas, King George V Own Bengal Sappers and Miners; Lieut. A. G. Cameron, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

Military Medal: Private M. Moon, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders; L/Sgt. R. Davidson Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

Indian Distinguished Service Medal: Subadar Feroz Khan, 6th Rajputana Rifles; Hav. Bhima Ram I.O.M., 6th Rajputana Rifles Hav. Sardara Ram, 6th Rajputana Rifles; Sepoy Babu Desai, 5th Mahratta Light Infantry; L/Naik Dharman, Indian Signal Corps.

These awards are all given in connection with the fighting in the Sollum — Halfaya — Capuzzo Triangle during June. Accompanied by tanks the Rajputana Rifles and Mahrattas advanced across the coastal plain in an attack on Halfaya Pass, which was strongly held by the Germans.

Took Command

Sepoy Babu Desai, who comes from Morwane Village near Ratnagiri, was in charge of a Brengun when his section commander was wounded. He took command, silenced an enemy gun and, although wounded, led his section onwards. Any movement in the gullies drew intense fire.

L/Naik Dharman throughout the three days battle was in charge of a cable laying party and he showed a complete disregard for his own safety in laying cable by hand under artillery, mortar and small arms fire. His village is Sarakalpatti, near Katpadi in North Arcot District.

The enemy brought up large reinforcements from Tobruk, and, having accomplished their object, our forces were withdrawn. The Rajputana Rifles had a very difficult time during the withdrawal, being attacked from the front, flank and later from the rear by tanks and motorised infantry. Subadar Feroz Khan, who was in charge of a 3-inch mortar platoon, immediately appreciated the serious threat to the battalion, and directed accurate mortar fire on to the enemy from an exposed position swept by machine-gun fire.

Resolute Action

There is no doubt that his coolness and resolute action enabled the withdrawal to be made in good order in spite of determined efforts to cut the battalion off. Subadar Feroz Khan comes from Jaitpura village in Gujerat district.

Havildar Sardara Ram, who is from Jaitpura village in Bikaner State, was in charge of one of the mortar teams concerned in this action and worked with the greatest gallantry under orders of his Subadar. He afterwards with the greatest deliberation brought his team out of action complete in all respects.

Meanwhile, rifle companies were coming back. Havildar Bhima Ram, who had been awarded the I.O.M. for great gallantry and leadership, although wounded during the first battle of Keren, and who comes from Guhha village in Hissar District, was severely wounded during the attack on the previous day. He refused to be evacuated and continued to lead his platoon although wounded again. When ordered back he insisted on helping to get away other men, some of whom were less severely wounded than himself.

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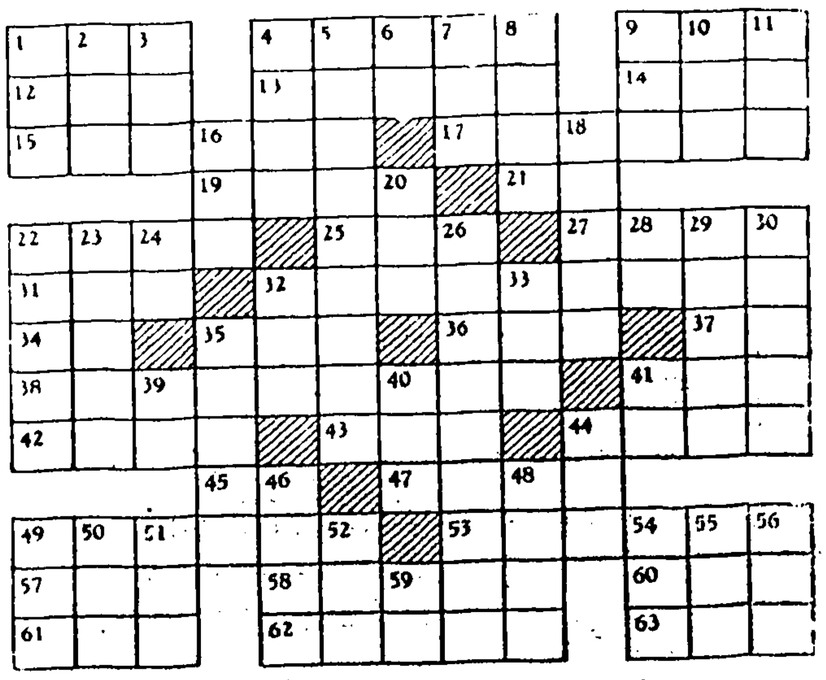

HORIZONTAL
1 To make lace
4 Donated
9 Philippine Island savage
12 Trouble
13 Feeble-minded
14 Humour
15 Grotesque insect
17 Club
19 Small particle
21 Note of scale
22 Flat-bottomed boat
25 Stomach
27 Sea in Russian Turkestan
31 To fall behind
32 To increase
34 Preposition
35 Hawaiian dish
36 Buddhist pillar
37 Symbol for iridium
38 By name
41 Crude metal
42 Part of a ship
43 Male swan
44 War god
45 Bone
47 Useless plant
49 Counsellor
53 Blue dye
57 Period of time
58 Intended
60 To clip
61 Moist
62 Proverb
63 Woodland deity

VERTICAL
1 Scotch cap
2 Girl's name
3 Weight
4 Rate of movement
5 Colloquial: one who has difficulty in sleeping
6 Six
7 Shade tree
8 To approach
9 Boring tool
10 To fasten
11 Siamese coin
16 Marble
18 Slightest
20 Carpet
22 To move furtively
23 Indian's boat
24 King of Bashan
26 Health
28 Japanese measure
29 Burning
30 Stringed instruments
32 Electrified particle
33 Negative vote
35 Guide
39 Pronoun
40 Base
41 Conjunction
44 To append
46 Body of an organism
48 Heraldic device
49 To cry like a cat
50 Before
51 Burmese demon
52 Scarlet
54 Demon
55 Gazelle
56 To possess
59 Cooled lava

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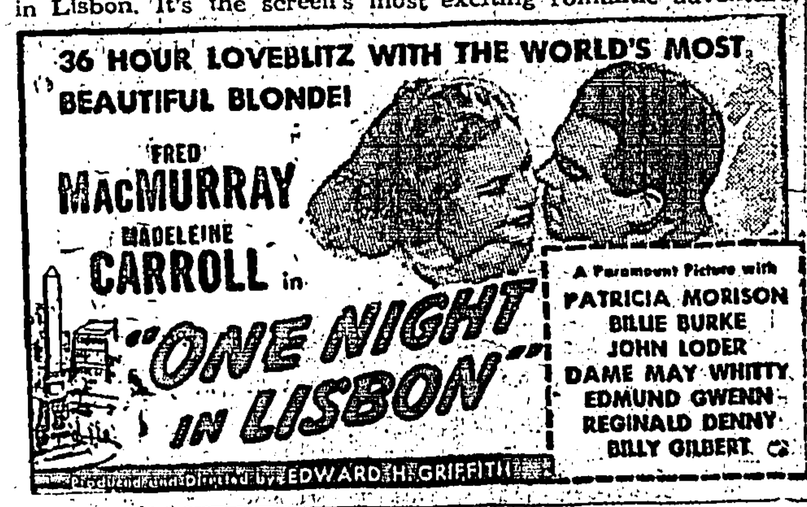

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M. EGAL RELEASED

Free French Leader Tells Of Prison Conditions In Saigon

KIDNAPPED IN Shanghai in April by Vichy authorities, detained in a Saigon prison for four months, court-martialled and sentenced to six months' imprisonment — a sentence which was suspended — for "assisting indirectly in the desertions of French sailors," M. Roderick Egal, Free French leader in Shanghai, is now in Singapore, a free man.

British intervention from Singapore resulted in the immediate release of M. Egal, it is understood from official quarters. Free French circles point out that this indicates the very close collaboration between British official circles and the Free French.

Speaking to a reporter M. Egal paid tributes to "my British and Free French friends who worked so unceasingly to secure my freedom from prison to which I had been sentenced by a naval court martial on entirely baseless charges."

"You cannot imagine how glad I am that everything is all over," M. Egal declared. "When I was freed from prison and was waiting to board ship for Singapore I was continually under watch."

Free French circles throughout the Far East are jubilant at the release of M. Egal who, incidentally, is a prominent merchant in Shanghai. He intends to return to his family in Shanghai.

It was early on the morning of April 5 that a party of sailors from the French gunboat Francis Garnier, led by two officers, went to M. Egal's home, awakened him, and told him they had "come to take him away."

Indignation In Shanghai

In spite of his remonstrations, he was taken to the gunboat and prevented from seeing relatives or friends. His arrest produced keen indignation among all circles in Shanghai.

Recounting his experiences, M. Egal began with: "I was kidnapped in Shanghai. There is no other word for it.

"I was illegally arrested. No warrant was produced; all legal processes were ignored. The Vichy authorities in Saigon could not prove that my lawyer was wrong when he made these counter-charges.

"They kept me for one week on the Francis Garnier.

"Then they sent me to Haiphong in a tiny cargo-boat.

"The charges against me were that I had made inflammatory speeches against the Vichy Government and that I had incited French forces to desert to Gen. de Gaulle's forces.

No Proof

"They had no proof at all; they merely surmised that deserters passed through my hands, which was not true.

"They also asserted that I had refused to give information as to the whereabouts of three sailors who had deserted. Here, again, they had no proof that I had taken an active part, or even any part in the desertion of these men.

"I was very well looked after at Haiphong, and then I was sent to Saigon.

"I was put in the same cell with 11 other men—mostly criminals, including vicious murderers and robbers. There was little freedom of movement in the cell.

"We were not allowed out for exercise. Our only glimpses of the sky were through the bars of the small window in our room.

"Eventually, on August 23, they brought me to trial.

Found Guilty

"They found me guilty of the charge of inciting French sailors to desert in the presence of the enemy, a charge which carries a sentence of five to ten years' imprisonment.

"The court declared, however, that it found extenuating circumstances, and sentenced me to six months' imprisonment—but 'six months' in these days means a longer period.

"I am sure that if my British and French friends had remained indifferent to my case, I would still be in that awful Saigon prison, with the prospect of being incarcerated for an indefinite time.

"Prison life," M. Egal said, with a laugh, "disagreed with me. To a man used to exercise every morning, the lack of movement irked me, ruined my health.

"I was sent to hospital on June 18—two months after my transfer to Saigon. I remained in hospital until I was released."

Upon his arrival in Singapore M. Egal was met by a delegation of Free French, led by the Free French representative in the Far East, M. Charles Baron.

M. Egal saw the Commander-in-Chief, China Station, Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton.

He gave his personal thanks for the "British intervention" which secured his immediate release.

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CHILD MADE A CURSE

We live under a system in which the coming of a child—which ought to be a blessing—becomes a curse in the home."

Mr. James Griffiths (Llanelly) said this in a House of Commons debate on the Pharmacy and Medicine Bill, which the Health Minister said would stop advertisements of articles for securing abortion, and advertisements claiming to cure certain diseases.

Under the Bill ingredients have to be stated on samples.

Abortion

Mr. Griffiths said abortion increased or diminished according to the amount of poverty in a district.

"You don't solve that problem by prohibiting advertisements," he said.

"I don't think any woman would look to this way out unless she were pressed and depressed by the circumstances of her life."

Write In Latin

Mr. Aneurin Bevan (Soc., Ebbw Vale) said it was nonsense to suggest that, because doctors were in a chartered society, there was no quackery in the profession.

Medicine was 25 per cent. science and 75 per cent. art.

Doctors were not going to describe the ingredients in a bottle in a way a patient could understand.

"Very few doctors can write legibly, and when they do they write in Latin," he said.

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MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON

One of America's most spectacular political quarrels—over New Deal policies—was formally ended says a B.U.P. message from Washington, when Al Smith, the former Governor of New York State, visited President Roosevelt at the White House. It was their first meeting for five years.

Mr. Smith stated: "It's just a friendly call. I want to shake hands with the President and wish him well." Asked if the hatchet was now buried, he replied: "There never was a hatchet."

WAR POLICE MAY RUN UNION

War reserve policemen and special constables in England are to ballot on the question of an association that will enable them to make collective representations for better conditions, and discuss complaints and suggestions.

So far the auxiliary police have not been allowed to join the Police Federation.

12,000 WOUNDED NAZIS A DAY

The extent of German casualties in the campaign against Russia is contained in a report received by "The Times" from Istanbul, in which it is stated that between 10,000 and 12,000 wounded from the Russian front are arriving daily in Berlin alone.

Extreme measures are being taken to cope with this situation, says the report. Jugoslav physicians and nurses have been summoned to serve under the German Command.

It is believed that they will be sent to Germany, where there is a shortage of hospital attendants, because of the enormous number of casualties.

The "Daily Telegraph" correspondent in Moscow (Mr. Cholerton) quotes the Soviet Foreign Vice-Commissar (Lozovsky) as saying that there have been consistent reports recently that the Germans are progressively withdrawing their forces from Africa and that this is causing tension between the Italians and the Germans because the Italians are aware of what chance they have if left alone against the British.

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BRITAIN DEVISES NEW RAID SHELTER

Before winter comes, Britain's 100,000 surface shelters, also those under construction will be strong enough to withstand the blast of a heavy bomb bursting 15ft. away.

The Home Office has devised a new method of construction, which will give shelters such elasticity that they will not collapse. They can be blown bodily three or four feet in the air without seriously hurting the occupants.

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GOVERNOR AND ANTI-T.B. ASSOCIATION

The "China Mail" learns that His Excellency Sir Mark Young, K.C.M.G., has shown his interest in the anti-tuberculosis campaign being waged in Hong Kong by honouring the Association with with his patronage.

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CAN JAPAN STOP?

Japanese spokesmen persist in their hope that the freezing of Japanese assets and of Allied assets in Japan is not going to mean cessation of all trade. They know as well as we do, particularly from the very frank warnings that come from various quarters, that if Japan's armed forces cross the Siamese border or if there is any hostile gesture against the Dutch East Indies there will be war in the Far East and all Allied relations with Japan will end. If their hopes are sincerely expressed, as we believe they are, they must also be hoping, therefore, that some force in Japan will check the army and navy in mid-career and give pledges of respect for the status quo.

We have no doubt that such forces are at work and may even be getting a thoughtful hearing, because there have been no trumped-up demonstrations of resentment and defiance in Japan since the press made its first angry comment on the freezing orders. We hope they are carrying weight; but the fear remains that the Japanese armed forces cannot now be halted by anything in Japan short of revolution, of which there is no present indication.

Finance Minister Ogura's statement to the effect that Japan's answer must be to get ahead with the establishment of the co-prosperity sphere in greater East Asia sounds much like a warning to those commercial interests which may be pleading with the government to hasten slowly, that there is now no turning back. It is easy enough to see how the military can persuade themselves and argue in Tokyo that there can be no turning back and should be no halt. Their stocks of all essential supplies are low, and even if the British and Americans might licence some traffic in unessentials if Japan stopped in her tracks for a time there is no reason to believe that they would supply such commodities as oil and metal as fast as the war in China alone consumes the reserves. It may seem to the Japanese military that their only course is to make a dash for the sources of supply about the South China Sea, which will make Japan self-sufficient.

The alternative to this is rapid loss of striking power to the point of immobility not more than a year hence and then easy reduction to the status of a third-class power. What worse fate, the army men may reason, could come from defeat in battle? There is no time to waste on the negotiation of little favours. With every day lost Japan will be weaker and the defences that she must storm will be stronger.

From Japan first, and later from Berlin and Paris, have come suggestions that Siam fears the hostile machinations of Great Britain, China and the United States. This, of course, paves the way for a Japanese announcement that what Thailand needs and either craves or ought to crave, is a benevolent Japanese occupation. This would, of course, mean war, whether the Siamese resisted or not; but war in the East is what Germany wants, and the Japanese militarists may well prefer to have war now than very much later.

Planning For Eternity

By Dr. A. D. Lindsay

When people begin to talk about planning, I think of the last time I saw Robert Bridges. We had both been listening to a broadcast by an eminent scientist. He had tried to make our flesh creep with the prospect that in a comparatively short time—say, in about ten thousand years—man might cease to dominate the earth and be replaced by another race of animals, say ants. He had ended by an exhortation to us all to rule our actions in the light of this alarming possibility and so to act now that ten thousand years hence man would still be dominant. We both agreed that the eminent scientist had been talking nonsense because we agreed there is some sense in planning for a week, a month, or sometimes even a few years ahead; much sense always in planning for eternity; and no sense whatever in planning ahead for ten thousand years.

In this age when men talk so much of planning, I think that is worth bearing in mind. Nations have had four-year plans, five-year plans even ten-year plans. They will soon be trying to break records in the length of their planning periods. Ten thousand years, of course, is planning ahead with a vengeance, and is agreed to be silly. But when does planning become silly because it looks too far ahead? Are not long views supposed to be especially wise? When do they become so long that they become foolish?

Why it is silly to plan for ten thousand years ahead is that we have no power of controlling what is ten thousand years ahead, and reasonable planning clearly must bear some relation to power of control. But how little power of control we often have over much nearer events! There are ways of increasing control over events and increasing consequently the range of planning. Dictators can make far-reaching plans more easily than others because they have, or think they have, gained undisputed control over millions of men. That planning is done at a price—a price of a huge concentration of power into the hands of one man or of a few, and the submission of all the others to being planned. When men plan in that way, the lust for power which it involves sooner or later destroys them and often their victories too. You remember the parable in the Gospels about planning? "The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: and he thought within himself, saying What shall I do: I will pull down my barns and build greater and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease: eat, drink and be merry. But God said unto him. Thou fool; this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." That might be called an anti-planning parable, and the next verse in St. Luke seems even more to condemn planning. "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat." But two chapters further on there are two pro-planning parables, the first of which says, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him."

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Worship Of Organisation

It is not planning that is wrong but the spirit in which we plan may be. If we say to ourselves: "We are going to think things out and see that they are done. We are so much cleverer and abler and more thoughtful than anyone else; we must have the power to do it"—we easily go from that to scheming and planning for power and nothing but power. We easily come to think of our fellow human beings as mere atoms to be planned, toy bricks to be built into our beautiful architectural scheme. I often come across clever young men who are entirely taken up with elaborate schemes in which they are going to put everything right and everybody but themselves in his neatly assigned place. Planning and making schemes is such fun that they forget that being planned, being treated by them as a cog or brick to go meekly into the place designed by someone else, is not nearly so pleasant or amusing.

This proud, self-confident, arrogant planning, against which the Gospel parable of the rich man warns us, necessarily leads to disaster. It leads to a scramble for power and thence to war. But there is something more idiotic about it even than that. It leads to a worship of organisation and planning for its own sake. A means becomes an end. You must have noticed that the Nazis and the Fascists are always proclaiming as their fundamental gospel that men and women must sink their personalities in the State, must entirely devote themselves to the State. But if you divorce the State from the personalities of the men and women who compose it, there is nothing in the State left but organisation. All this high-sounding stuff about the individual being nothing and the State everything is just silly nonsense—for it means that plans and organisation are everything and there is nothing to plan for.

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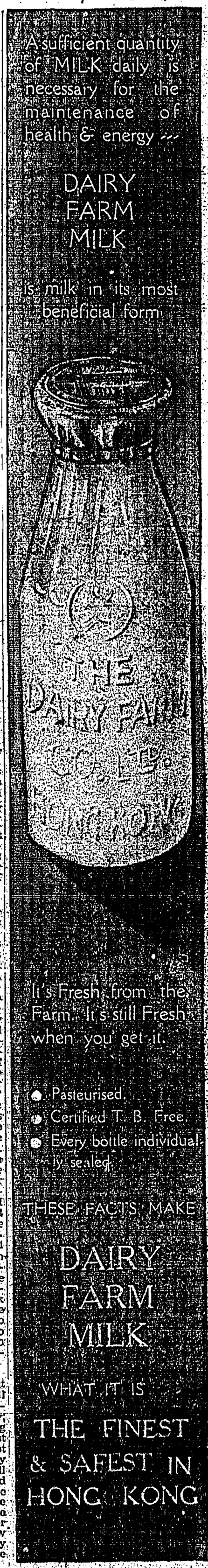
A Nation Must Discover Its Faith

No, if a nation is to plan and to take thought for the future, as it must, it must begin by men and women taking counsel together as to what they really want, what the ends are in their common life for which they care most and which they think most precious. But that means asking themselves what their own fundamental faith is. The anti-planning parable ends, you remember, by saying, "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." A nation cannot, any more than an individual, ask itself what it really wants without discovering its faith: without at least asking itself if it has any faith, if there are some things in its life for which it is prepared to die. But that is not planning. It is the indispensable preliminary to it—at least to what I called at the beginning of this talk "planning with a view to eternity"—considering the eternal values which are worth more than this temporal fortune or that. A healthy or a secure society does not need to trouble to give reasons for the faith that is in it. It takes the faith for granted as it does the air it breathes. But when its faith is attacked, it is bound to ask itself searching questions—to be sure that its way of life is something real and precious. When a man is pulled up like that, when he is roused out of his complacency and his taking of things for granted, he says to himself, "What do I stand for, or what do I really believe?" When he answers that question honestly, the next question he asks himself is, "Why don't I live more as if I did believe that?" Then the best kind of planning can begin.

So with a nation. When we are pulled up, as we are now, with an attack on all we think most precious; when that attack makes us say, "Yes, we do really care about decency, and kindliness and respect of other people's rights, and all that we think really matters in English life: we go on to ask ourselves why do not we behave more as if we did: then we begin to ask, why have we stood by, and done so little about unemployment? Why have we suffered the frightful inequalities of our social system? Why have we allowed there to be one law for the rich and another for the poor? Why has it taken a war to make us find out what evacuation has taught us in a few months? There are lots and lots of questions like that which rise in our minds now. We are finding that we have got a faith. Now that it is attacked, we are sure of it. But we have rather forgotten that we had a faith before the attack upon it came. I have been reading a book about Nazism which accounts for the spread of all that dreadful nonsense by saying that the people of Central Europe had no faith in anything. They believed the irrational nonsense Nazism because to have a rational faith had somehow become impossible. I think we have found in this trial that we have a faith left, but we see also how unreal we had allowed it to become, and how little our faith had in any part in our busy contriving.

Such searchings of the heart seem to me the beginning of all fruitful planning asking ourselves what we really care for, what we really believe; asking ourselves where we have most fallen short of our faith, most failed to live up to what we really care about. Then it will take all our thinking and contriving and organising and planning to see that the sores in our social life are cured; that the things we care about and say we are fighting for become real, not only for a few fortunate people but for every man, woman and child in the country.



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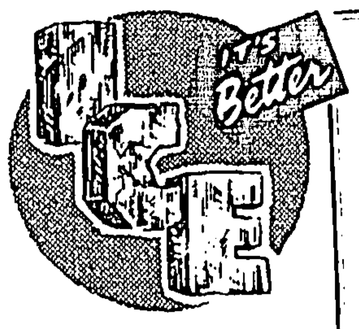

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INDIAN SOLDIERS SHOW SKILL WITH MOTOR VEHICLES

(By A Straits Times Representative)

UNITS OF THE Indian Army serving in northern Malaya afford proof of the remarkable way in which Indian troops have adapted themselves to the high standards of mechanisation which success in modern warfare demands.

One of the most striking impressions I have brought back from a tour of the defences of the Peninsula is the very high standard of mobility of formations and units.

I have visited parks containing hundreds of transport vehicles and every battalion visited during the week's trip had its full war complement of motor transport and Bren-gun carriers.

Large numbers of drivers have been trained in each unit and Indian soldiers are showing a real aptitude not only as drivers but for the more difficult task of maintenance under conditions that are sometimes far from easy.

Farmer To Drive

In a tour of Kedah I drove several hundred miles in a reconnaissance truck behind a driver of the Royal Indian Army Service Corps, who, less than a year ago, was a farmer in Tinnevelly.

He showed skill and road sense and he told an Indian officer who accompanied the party that he and other south Indians serving in Malaya like Army life very much.

Like many other men serving in the R.I.A.S.C., this driver feels that he is learning a trade that will be useful to him when he leaves the forces and perhaps he cherishes dreams of a small bus service in his own district.

Bren-Carriers

Indian troops have also taken to the sturdy little Bren-gun carrier, which is ideal for use in the rubber and secondary jungle country of the Peninsula.

On a visit to a famous north Indian battalion, I saw a young British officer who was in France with the B.E.F. training his carrier platoon.

He was showing them some of the tricks of the trade—how to surmount the simpler type of road blocks likely to be encountered in the event of hostilities in this country.

The officer took the little tracked vehicle over a series of three tree trunks laid across an estate road in quite a spectacular jump and the sepoys then followed his example.

Quite a number of the men were new to carriers, but they showed skill and the right temperament.

Another Bren carrier platoon commander told me that there was keen competition to get into the platoon and the carriers gave men of the unit full scope for their natural dash.

Impressive

Quite an impressive little demonstration was put on by a mechanised mountain gun battery. Howitzers which used to be carried on pack mules on the North-West Frontier are now towed behind sturdy trucks on special carriages, which, incidentally, have adaptations suggested by Malayan Volunteer gunners.

The truck carries the crew and ammunition and this battery took up position and were in action within a few minutes, the sepoys impressing with splendid gun drill.

This battery also demonstrated Italian Breda anti-tank guns captured in the Western Desert. They are compact little weapons carried in trucks.

The Indian artillery has taken exceptionally well to mechanisation, but one officer told me that there is still a place for the mule, for these sturdy animals can get light howitzers, mortars, medium machine-guns and radio equipment to places in the jungle and on hill paths where even the Bren carrier cannot go.

CAPTAIN WHO CAPTURED A GOVERNOR

The A.I.F. captain who, with a corporal and a private, captured the Governor of Tobruk, 30 colonels, two naval attaches, and 600 other Italians, during the British advanced across Libya is now a prisoner of war, says the "Sydney Sun."

He is Captain John Snowden Copland, 37, married, with one child, of Manly.

His father, Mr. John Copland, of College Street, Drummoyne, said that his son, armed only with a service pistol, entered a cave at Tobruk, where the Italians were hiding, and ordered them to surrender.

Official news that his son is now a prisoner, breaks a three months' silence, added Mr. Copland.

After Libya, he was reported missing in Greece in April.

At the time of enlistment, Captain Copland was accountant to the Producers' Co-op. Distributing Society, Ltd., Leeton. He was previously assistant-accountant to the Federal Capital Commission at Canberra.

Educated at Sydney High School, he joined the militia at 18, and held a commission for several years. He sailed with the first contingent.

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GIRLS' WORK IN RADIOLOCATION

Two hundred picked A.T.S. girls in camp have begun their secret training in radiolocation applied to anti-aircraft gunnery. I have just seen various phases of their instruction, and was permitted a glimpse of the marvellous apparatus that will help to shoot down Nazi night bombers.

The light-hearted enthusiasm with which these girls, whose ages range from 18 to 20, were tacking arduous and complicated studies was a surprise. At an open-air class they were learning of radio's higher mysteries—of pantode valves, potentiometers and grids.

Most of them had had secondary school education, and before joining the A.T.S. were in various occupations. There were shop assistants, waitresses, a speciality dancer, a dance hostess, a hairdresser and an insurance clerk.

Now they are studying electricity and magnetism, mathematics, radio technology and circuit diagrams from eight in the morning till seven or eight at night.

At question time in class there is an informal atmosphere very unlike school. But afterwards the girls all march off in disciplined.

CHURCH STATE-FREE?

Church disestablishment is envisaged by the Bishop of Winchester, Dr. Garbett, in a diocesan letter.

It may be found impossible to carry reforms without disestablishment," he says, "and if necessary for the sake of its virtual freedom, the Church must be prepared to accept disestablishment with whatever disendowment the State require as its price."

ALLIES SHOULD SPEAK PLAINLY

Mr. E. G. Knox, leader of the recent Australian Press delegation to the Netherlands Indies and Singapore, declared in an article in the "Melbourne Argus" that Japan's southward drive "into Thailand, Malaya, the Netherlands Indies, and Australia is certain, unless we are prepared to stop it."

"A body of opinion in Australia regards the threat of Japanese aggression as a political device.

"If such a foolish contention is allowed to dictate the course of events, in Australia in the next few weeks those who subscribe to it or assist in its acceptance are unwittingly committing a crime against the British Commonwealth of Nations and our allies in the Far East."

Calling A Halt

Mr. Knox says that while the present doctrine of a new order in East Asia continued to be the dominant factor in Japanese international policy, war with Japan was inevitable.

It was the considered opinion of men with a much closer knowledge of Far Eastern affairs than members of the Australian, or even of the British Parliaments, that the only way in which Japanese aggression could be arrested was to specify plainly to Japan at what stage in that country's persistent outward drive the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States would call a halt by force.

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COUNTRY'S RAID CASUALTIES

Mr. H. W. Willink, Special Commissioner for the care and rehousing of the homeless in the London region, speaking in the debate in the House of Commons on civil defence, said the ratio of destruction in London from air raids was eight times as great as in the rest of the country, and he believed the same ratio applied to casualties.

Mr. D. Robertson, after praising the Anderson and Morrison shelters, said hat there was an even better shelter in view, about which he and the Ministry were aware.

NAZI AIRMAN TELLS HOW IT FEELS TO RAID BRITAIN ---AND BE SHOT DOWN

"I ALWAYS KNEW there were no laurels to be won in England — few of the flying personnel escape, they either get shot down or taken prisoner."

This admission was made by the wireless operator of a German night bomber who landed by parachute after his 'plane was shot down recently.

After abandoning his machine the operator slept under a tree, and gave himself up to the police in the morning.

"Before we started on this trip I had a presentiment that it would be unlucky," he said.

"Our pilot was very nervous. He said the whole flight was a farce.

"From the start everything went wrong.

"We were flying at about 19,000 ft. when I saw a shadow behind us. I took another look and saw that it was still behind us, and about 650 yds. away. Switching on the intercommunication, I shouted Night-fighter astern and to starboard.

There Was A Bang

"The moon was as bright as day, and the night fighter came closer and closer.

"It only gave us a few seconds. Then there was a bang and crash in the aircraft and bits flew all over the place

"The mechanic shouted: 'I'm bleeding to death,' or something like that, but I had no time to help him—things moved too fast.

"I looked for the night fighter, and saw him banking away. I swung the machine-gun round and sent a burst after him. Then the Lieutenant said 'Don't fire,' and I saw flames coming from beneath the port engine

"At that I hurried. As soon as the burst hit our aircraft the pilot had put the nose down, and probably got rid of the bombs. Then he simply roared down so that I had no idea how high we were.

New 'Plane

"On that evening we had taken over a brand new aircraft with new parachutes, and mine did not fit. But I struggled into it, opened the lower escape hatch, and jumped."

The British pilot who shot down this Heinkel was a flight lieutenant in a night-fighter squadron which had already destroyed over 50 raiders.

Describing the combat, he said that when he first saw the Heinkel it was flying so slowly that he had great difficulty in keeping it within view.

The German pilot continually weaved from side to side and alternately climbed and dived so that the British flier had a long chase before he could get into position to attack. Immediately he opened fire he saw an explosion in the fuselage of the German aircraft.

He was getting into position for a second attack when the raider burst into flames and went down to crash on land.

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GIRL COMMENDED IN ARMY ORDERS

The daughter of a Canadian Major-General, Miss Marjorie Price, of the A.T.S., has been commended in military orders for her courage and resource in the Cafe de Paris (London) bombing.

Miss Price worked for three hours among the more serious casualties, binding up wounds with table linen and kitchen towels.

"Bombing was still going on, but Volunteer Price, by her coolness and efficient directions, quietened the hysterical and nerved others to redouble their exertions. Her services were of the highest order," states the official description of the incident.

Miss Price has since returned to Canada.

ATROCITIES IN SOVIET VILLAGE

A terrible tale of German atrocities in a Russion village designated by the letter "V" recaptured by Soviet troops is told in a message to the Tass news agency from the theatre of war.

Five wounded Red Army men, it says, were brought to the village. The Nazis herded the whole population on to the square, where they cut off the arms, ears and noses of the wounded men and then bayoneted them.

When the Soviet troops recaptured the village they released the arrested Soviet citizens who had been threatened with death. Villagers told how, when the Germans occupied the village, the Nazis at once began plundering food, utensils, crockery and clothes.

In the first few days the Nazis arrested more than 100 persons, 13 of whom they brutally killed. An old man they buried alive. Anybody who gave food or shelter to the victims of Nazis brutality was liable to the death penalty.

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WORTHY OF THE FATHER

Mr. Lyttelton, President of the Board of Trade, speaking at a lunch given in London by the British Chamber of Commerce in Belgium to the Belgian Government, said: "I should like to record our admiration of King Leopold's steadfast refusal to work with Germany and the example, worthy of his father, which he has set."

Mr. Lyttelton added that the war had brought the three greatest colonial empires in the world into an alliance — the Belgian, Dutch and British. The great resources of the Belgian Congo had been directed towards the common effort. Those services would not be forgotten.

M. Pierlot, the Belgian Prime Minister, struck a warning note about the condition of his country.

Referring to the food shortage in Belgium, he said:

"I know to defeat the German power nothing is too much. I know that the rigours of the blockade are necessary. But let me add that we hope there will be a way of avoiding the worst."

AGED 101, LEFT 108 DESCENDANTS

An Australian woman who died in a Randwick hospital on July 2, at the age of 101 left 108 direct descendants. She was Mrs. Maria La Greca, a native of Messina, Italy. Mrs. La Greca came to Australia in 1900, and for many years lived at Balmain. She had 11 children, 30 grandchildren, 64 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

CLUB FOR INDIAN TROOPS

The "Keren Institute" has been opened at a camp occupied by Indian troops in Negri Sembilan. This institute is a recreation room fitted with wireless set, gramophone, games of various kinds, notepaper, etc., by the Negri Sembilan Indian Troops Entertainment Fund.

The fund was started by Dr. R. B. Krishnan and a committee of Indian Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims and is entirely run by them for the benefit of units of the Indian Army in the State.

The institute has been given the name "Keren" to commemorate the feats of arms by Indian troops at Keren, in Italian Somaliland, recently.

It was formally opened by the British Resident, Mr. J. V. Cowgill, in the presence of a large gathering of Indian troops and members of the Indian community of Negri Sembilan.

Prominent among the company were representative Chinese who had been invited in recognition of their action in making a spontaneous gift of money, collected among their nationals, to the commanding officer of these Indian troops—a good example of interracial goodwill in furtherance of Britain's — or Malaya's — war cause.

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BANNED PUBLICATIONS IN CHINESE LANGUAGE

A number of what are officially described as "Wang Ching-wei and Communist publications" are among the list of undesirable publications, the importation of which into the Straits Settlements is prohibited.

Printed in Shanghai and Nanking, they are in the Chinese language and include the Central China Daily News, New Eastern Magazine, Bulletin of the Central Press Service, Overseas Affairs Quarterly, and "It is Natural for China and Japan to be Friends But Unnatural otherwise."

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♠ 8 4
♡ A K 2
◇ A J 10 6
♣ A K 4 2

WEST
♠ 6 5
♡ J 10 9
◇ K 9 8 4
♣ Q 10 8 5

EAST
♠ A 7 3 2
♡ Q 8 7 5 4
◇ 7 2
♣ 6 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 9
♡ 6 3
◇ Q 5 3
♣ J 9 7

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4◇	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the Jack of hearts, dummy winning with the King. Dummy returned a low trump, East played low, and South won with the King. Since entries to his hand were few, South immediately led a low diamond, winning a finesse with dummy's ten. Another low trump was returned, East ducked again, and South won with the spade Queen.

It was a little too dangerous to finesse diamonds again before drawing trumps, so South next led the Jack of spades. East took the trump Ace and returned a heart, forcing out dummy's Ace. And at this point South foresaw that he would have a terrific guess later on unless he took preventive measures.

From the fall of the hearts, West apparently had only a three-card holding in the suit; and he had started with only two trumps. Hence West was likely to be long in both minors. If West had started with four or more diamonds, dummy's fourth diamond could not be set up for the vital club discard. But if South blanked dummy's top clubs, the other hope—the establishment of the club Jack—might actually come about without South's being sure about it.

To remove this guess, Declarer cashed dummy's top clubs then and there — the Vienna coup of setting up an adverse winner so as to squeeze the holder more effectively later on. Then he ruffed the third heart and led his last trump. West then found it impossible to hold the club Queen and all his diamonds, so discarded the club Queen. Thereupon South cashed the club Jack and made his slam with another diamond finesse.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 10 7 5
♡ 8
◇ K J 5 2
♣ Q 9 4 3

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Miler
1♠	2♡	2♠	3♡
4♠	5♡	(?)	

ANSWER: Pass. You cannot double, and should not bid five spades since your partner may be eager to double five hearts for penalties.

Score 100% for pass; 60% for double; 40% for five spades.

Question No. 823

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Miler
1♠	1♡	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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GAVE LIFE IN RAID RESCUE

The posthumous award of the George Cross to a member of the Home Guard who "showed the highest form of cool courage and self-sacrifice for others" is announced by the War Office.

The Home Guard Section Cmdr. [Sergeant] George Walter Inwood, was called upon by the police to assist in rescue duty during an intense air-raid in Birmingham in October.

Taking charge of a party of six volunteers, he found that several people were imprisoned in a cellar filled with gas. A small hole was made and Section Cmdr. Inwood was lowered into the cavity. He managed to rescue two men, and although nearly exhausted entered the cavity a third time and was overcome by the fumes. He was dragged out by one of his comrades, but it was impossible to revive him.

The George Medal has been awarded to Capt. (temp. Maj.) G. B. Matthews, the Dorsetshire Regt., for his resourcefulness and courage. When four wounded men were left marooned after an explosion in a minefield surrounded by unexploded mines and mutilated bodies, Maj. Matthews placed planks over the barbed wire entanglements enclosing the field and so reached the survivors and assisted them to safety.

Other recipients of the George Medal are:

Driver (I.C.) C. M. Mitchell, Signalman R. H. Tinto, War Subs. Lt. (temp. Capt.) J. Weston, Platoon Cmdr. Thomas Simpson; Home Guard: Lce.-Sgt. R. C. M. Parker.

Awards To Airmen

Two airmen receive the British Empire Medal, military division. They are Sgt. F. R. Woolven and A.C.2 Enos Garrett.

Sgt. Woolven and some comrades were travelling by sea when their ship was shelled. They took to a makeshift raft, and after 24 hours they were picked up by a warship.

Aircraftman Garrett saved a woman's life during a heavy air raid.

Other awards announced include:

M.B.E., Military Division.—Sec. Lt. (actg. Lt.) E. E. A. Chetwynd Talbot (previously awarded the George Cross for carrying a time-bomb to safety).

British Empire Medal, Military Division.—Cpl. C. A. Brewer, Sapper W. D. Scott, Lce.-Cpl. C. F. Nourse, Sapper W. Watts, Cpl. W. F. Tannatt, Fusilier R. Gaskell, Fusilier R. Ferguson, Actg. Sgt. F. Armitage, Pte. P. T. Ward; and the following members of the Home Guard; Sec. Ldr. G. Turner, Asst. Sec. Ldr. H. T. Morris, Volunteers E. T. Wiston, E. T. Smith, W. L. Badcock, L. Tidball.

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Before the war these squads specialised in inquiries into particular classes of crime. These included the operations of share-pushers, confidence tricksters and similar types of criminals, whose activities have been curtailed by the war.

The bulk of the present-day investigations concern looting, offences against the Defence Regulations, inquiries for the many new Government departments, food thefts, and charity racketeers. It is to handle these that the crime squads are being reshuffled.

Increasing numbers of inquiries on behalf of the Services have necessitated the setting up of a special department for this purpose at Scotland Yard. A chief detective-inspector has been appointed liaison officer between the Services and Scotland Yard.

When the mentally sketchy girl-friend's beau tells her he's working on a sliding scale she thinks he's talking about weights and measures.

FALSE TEETH MAY BE SCARCE

THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND IMPORTERS OF TEETH ARE IN DISAGREEMENT ABOUT WHETHER THE COUNTRY IS FACED WITH AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF FALSE TEETH.

The trade wishes the Ministry to advise the Board of Trade to grant import licences for American teeth, which before the war used to come in at the rate of over 15,000,000 a year, as compared with the home-made total of 12,000,000.

A leading importer said that the stoppage of American supplies was making itself felt already, and the position before long would be serious. To this a Ministry of Health official replied that it considered there was no present necessity to grant import licences, as the home manufacture was increasing considerably.

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PICKED UP BOMB TO SAVE TROOPS

AFTER PICKING UP A BOMB WHICH HE FOUND ON GROUND WHERE SOLDIERS WERE DRILLING A CONSTABLE STATIONED AT A NORTH-EAST TOWN WAS KILLED WHEN IT EXPLODED.

The bomb was hidden in a ditch. It was a danger to the soldiers, so the constable picked it up and carried it to a police-box near by. There he intended to inform the authorities. As he reached the box the bomb exploded.

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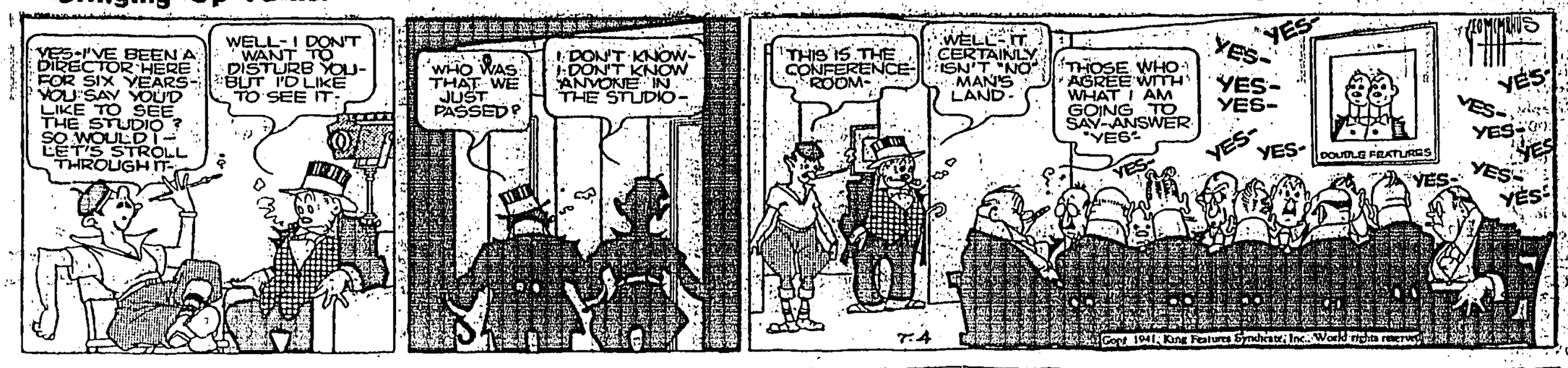

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

STUBBORN SKIN BEAUTIFIED

There is a condition of complexion which I call "stubborn." It is neither blemished noticeably nor is it excessively oily. But it appears to be slightly "bumpy" beneath the three layers of skin. In a candid light it looks rough instead of smooth and no amount of creaming seems to benefit it.

Such a skin is a very lazy one. Through no fault of its own it is not being fed sufficiently from the blood stream (through lack of exercise) and it is not getting enough sunshine. To remedy these conditions one must give it external exercise, not through cream massage, but by scrubbing it with a complexion brush and bland soap suds, or by scrubbing it with some coarse grains which are manufactured for the purpose.

The soap treatment may follow a cream cleansing. You take the moistened brush and dip it into soap suds and then scrub your face not too gently. Follow this with a thorough rinsing with warm water and cold splashings.

One uses the coarse grains after a soap and water face washing. You think soap and water should take off all the surface soil, but once you begin to rub your complexion with a palm full of these little grains you will get the surprise of your life. For they extract much deep lying grime and all the surface dead skin. This rolls off as you massage and leaves the skin feeling as soft as a baby's. Such a treatment should be repeated at least three times a week.

Exquisitely tanned by the sun but soft as velvet is Lynn Barl's complexion. She avoids excess of cosmetics.

Of course for permanent correction the victim of a stubborn skin condition should exercise more — exercise sufficiently to create a good perspiration thus forcing the face pores to open up and discharge any grime or body wastes which might be deep-lying.

The daily habit of warm and cold water dousings is also an excellent follow up treatment after using the coarse grains.

Go Easy With Creams

Many skins blossom out with a crop of minor blemishes from the use of too many cosmetics and from applying fresh make-up over tired make-up. Such an unhealthy habit should be corrected at once. One's skin should always be clean before the application of any powder, rouge or lipstick.

During the summer months, once you get some colour in your face from sun bathing, let your skin go free of make-up as much as you can. Give it a chance to benefit by the fresh air and sun and water. Lubricate at night if it is dry, but do not cover it during the day with unnecessary creams and make-up. When winter comes we find it more essential to point up our fading beauty with cream and make-up. Of course tender skin, or fair skin which is easily sun burned, should always be protected by a well chosen lubricant, and one should not sit hours under the direct sun's rays without a complexion protection.

ONE WAY TO REDUCE

You can reduce your measurements without over over-strenuous exercise or drastic dieting.

Get rid of those extra inches by attacking the causes.

Generally these are (a) lack of the right kind of exercise, (b) wrong feeding.

Here are the remedies.

1. Scientific Exercise. — This breaks down the fat cells and tones up the muscles. Do the exercises given in each article night and morning, adding the new ones as they appear.

2. Careful Dieting. — Wrong feeding helps the fat cells to build up layers everywhere, especially over the shoulders and chest, seat and hips.

Perhaps you think that with rationing they won't get much chance, but believe me they take a lot of discouraging. Exercise combined with careful diet is the only sure way to move them.

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ESSENTIAL DIET RULES.

Eat nothing at all between meals.

Drink between meals — not with them, except at breakfast.

At tea time have a cup of tea, but eat nothing.

Eat other meals as usual.

Take wholemeal instead of white bread.

Avoid . . . thick gravies, sauces and soups, pastry, sweets and cakes. Remember that one feed of cakes or sweets will undo good work of weeks.

Do not take sugar in tea or coffee.

Do eat green vegetables and fresh salads, watercress, stewed or fresh fruit whenever you can get it.

Remember it is superfluous flesh you need to lose. Don't imagine that you have to make yourself skinny.

Find out the normal weight for your height and age, then aim at reducing 1½lb. to 2lb. a week.

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Exercise 1.—To move fat from the back of the shoulders and upper arms.

Stand with left foot forward, left knee bent, arms sideways, palms upward and fists lightly clenched.

Draw imaginary circles in the air with the fists. The arms should move upwards—a little above shoulder level to begin each circle—and backwards and downwards a little below to finish it.

Make sixteen circles, then drop the arms to the sides and, standing with feet together, raise and lower heels steadily four times.

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Exercise 2. — This reduces the bust and flattens the tummy.

Lie on the floor with knees bent. Swing left arm forward and up, swing it down, repeat with right arm.

Swing both arms forward and up, stretching them up and back as far as possible, swing arms down. Keep the knees bent and mark time lightly with toes, with light stamps with the whole foot.

Repeat whole exercise.

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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 p.m.—The Orchestra Mascotte and Yvonne Printemps (Soprano).
Waltzes Of The World—Potpourri (arr. Carl Robrecht) .... Orchestra Mascotte.
C'Est Le Destin Peut-etre (from "The Three Waltzes"—Strauss)....Yvonne Printemps with Orchestra.
Waltzes—Songe D'Automne (Joyce); After The Ball (Harris)....Orchestra Mascotte.
"O Mistress Mine"—When A Woman Smiles (Ellis); Goodbye, Little Dream, Goodbye (Porter)....Yvonne Printemps with Orchestra.
Second Waltz Medley (Carl Robrecht) ....Orchestra Mascotte.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Half An Hour With Irving Berlin.
"On The Avenue"—Piano Medley.... Vivian Ellis.
A Little Old Church In England.... Barry Wood (Baritone) with Orch.
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Alexander's Ragtime Band (from the film)....The Boswell Sisters with Orchestra.
Irving Berlin Waltz Songs—Medley—Intro: What'll I Do; Always; Marie; All Alone; Russian Lullaby; Because I Love You; You Forgot To Remember; The Song Is Ended (Vocal)....Debroy Somers Band.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—A Programme of Light Popular Classics.
"Henry VIII" Dances — Shepherd's Dance; Morris Dance; Torch Dance (German)....The New Symphony Orchestra.
Le Cygne (Saint-Saens) .... Marcel Mule (Alto Saxophone) with Piano
Waltz in C Sharp Minor (Chopin).... Bronislaw Huberman (Violin) with Piano.
Waltz from "The Sleeping Beauty" (Tchaikovsky); Liebestraum, No. 3 (Liszt)....Marek Weber & his Orch.
Nocturne In E Flat Major (Es Dur) Op. 9, No. 2 (Chopin) .... Arthur Rubinstein (Piano Solo).
Rustle Of Spring (Binding)....Albert Sandler Trio.
7.17 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado".
The Sun, Whose Rays Are All Ablaze ....Elsie Griffin (Soprano) with Orchestra
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Mi-Ya Sa-Ma....B. Lewis, D. Fancourt & Chorus with Orchestra.
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Alone, And Yet Alive....Bertha Lewis (Contralto).
On A Tree....Henry A. Lytton (Baritone) with Orchestra.
There Is Beauty....B. Lewis & H. A. Lytton.
For He's Gone & Married Yum-Yum ....A. Davies, H. Lytton, D. Oldham, E. Griffin, B. Elburn, L. Sheffield, G. Baker & Chorus with Orch.
7.45 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.
Finger Prints (Engleman).
Medley—Intro: My Blue Heaven; Sweet Sue; The Japanese Sandman.
My Favourites—Intro: Blue Room; Smoke Gets In Your Eyes; These Foolish Things; Just One More Chance; There's A Small Hotel; Thanks For The Memory.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay — War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay — "Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Norman Long (Entertainer) in Variety.
Piano—Round The Ouses; (Burnaby & Long); It Wouldn't Have Done For The Duke; Sir (Wass)....Norman Long.
Organ—Finch Favourites—Intro: The Memory Of A Rose; Ferryboat Serenade; Blueberry Hill; Maybe; Lovely Old Lady; Goodnight Again. ....Horace Finch.
Vocal—Rhumboogie (from film "Argentine Nights"); The Cockeyed Mayor Of Kaunakakai (Anderson) ....The Andrews Sisters with Orch.
Mandoline—Valse De Concert (Enrico Marucelli); Souvenir De Sicile (S. Leonardi)....Maria B. Selvittaro with Piano.
Entertainer—Seven Veils (De Sylva-Brown-Henderson)....Norman Long with Piano.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—A Schumann Programme.
Phantasiestucke, Op. 73 (For Piano & Clarinet)....Reginald Kell & Gerald Moore.
The Two Grenadiers....Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.
Abendlied....Manuel Quiroga (Violin Solo) with Piano.
Concerto In A Minor Op. 54—1st Mov: Allegro affettuoso—Andante expressivo; 2nd Mov: Intermezzo—Andantino grazioso; 3rd Mov: Allegro vivace....Alfred Cortot (Piano) & The London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.48 p.m.—English Ballads.
Watchman, What Of The Night (Sorjeant)....Peter Dawson (singing a duet with himself).
Ballad Of Yesterday—(Teresa del Riego)—Intro: O Dry Those Tears; Happy Song; Thank God For A Garden; Homing....The Hon. W. Brownlow (Bar.) with Orchestra.
In An Old Fashioned Town (Squire) ....Titterton (Tenor) with Piano.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay — The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Anita; I Used To Love You....."Fats" Waller & his Orch.
Tangos—Mal De Ausencia; Pura Milonga....Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Fox-Trots—Where Or When (from film "Babes In Arms"); Good Morning....Jack Hylton & his Orch
Rumba Fox-Trots—African Lament ....Don Azpiazu & his Havana Casino Orchestra: Mama Inez.... Havana Novelty Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—The Lamp Is Low; Back To Back (from film "Second Fiddle")....Jimmy Dorsey & his Orch.
Quick-Step—On The Isle Of May: Waltz—When Our Dreams Grow Old....Joe Loss & his Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Safe In My Heart; When You Come To The End Of A Journey....The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Britain Today"—Discussion.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

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ACCIDENT STATISTICS

There were 315 accidents in Singapore last month, 91 of which were traffic accidents involving motor-cars, lorries, buses and trolley buses. Forty accidents took place outside Municipal limits, according to figures released by the Accident Ambulance Service.

EXPERIENCE WHEN SHIP BOMBED

The story of how a Malayan, going home on leave was virtually snatched from the jaws of death after having been adrift for 36 hours in a lifeboat, whose oars had been washed away, was told by a colleague of his.

The Malayan, Mr. R. K. Bulloch of Messrs. Sime, Darby and Co., Ltd., Seremban, has recently returned from leave. The incident took place after the ship in which he had been travelling home was bombed by an enemy 'plane and later sank.

Mr. Bulloch declined to say anything about this adventure himself but according to his colleague, Mr. Bulloch, who was a voluntary member of the ship's gun crew, had been on duty from 4 to 8 in the morning on a certain day, and then turned in.

Direct Hit

At 10 o'clock he found himself thrown out of his bunk and on the floor. An enemy raider had dropped a bomb just outside his cabin. Realising that he had to get to his machine-gun at the poop, he grabbed a dressing gown and a lifebelt and made for his "station."

In the smoke room he found bullets spluttering all over the place. They crashed through the glass roof and he was hit. Perhaps this little delay saved his life for in the next moment the poop received a direct hit. By 10.30 a.m. all the passengers and crew were off the ship.

No Drinking Water

Mr. Bulloch and party were adrift for 36 hours in an open boat whose oars and bailers had been washed away. The sea was very rough and they were drifting helplessly until a Sunderland flying boat sighted them and they were later picked up by a Corvette.

There was no drinking water in the boat as the water casks had been pierced by machine-gun bullets. The only food consisted of fragments of bully beef.

When picked up Mr. Bulloch and other members of his party were "frozen stiff." They were given a big bowl of rum by the crew of the Corvette. Mr. Bulloch later spent ten days in a hospital.

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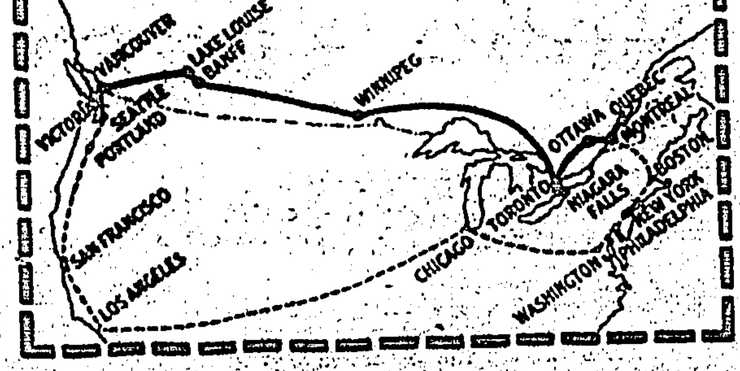

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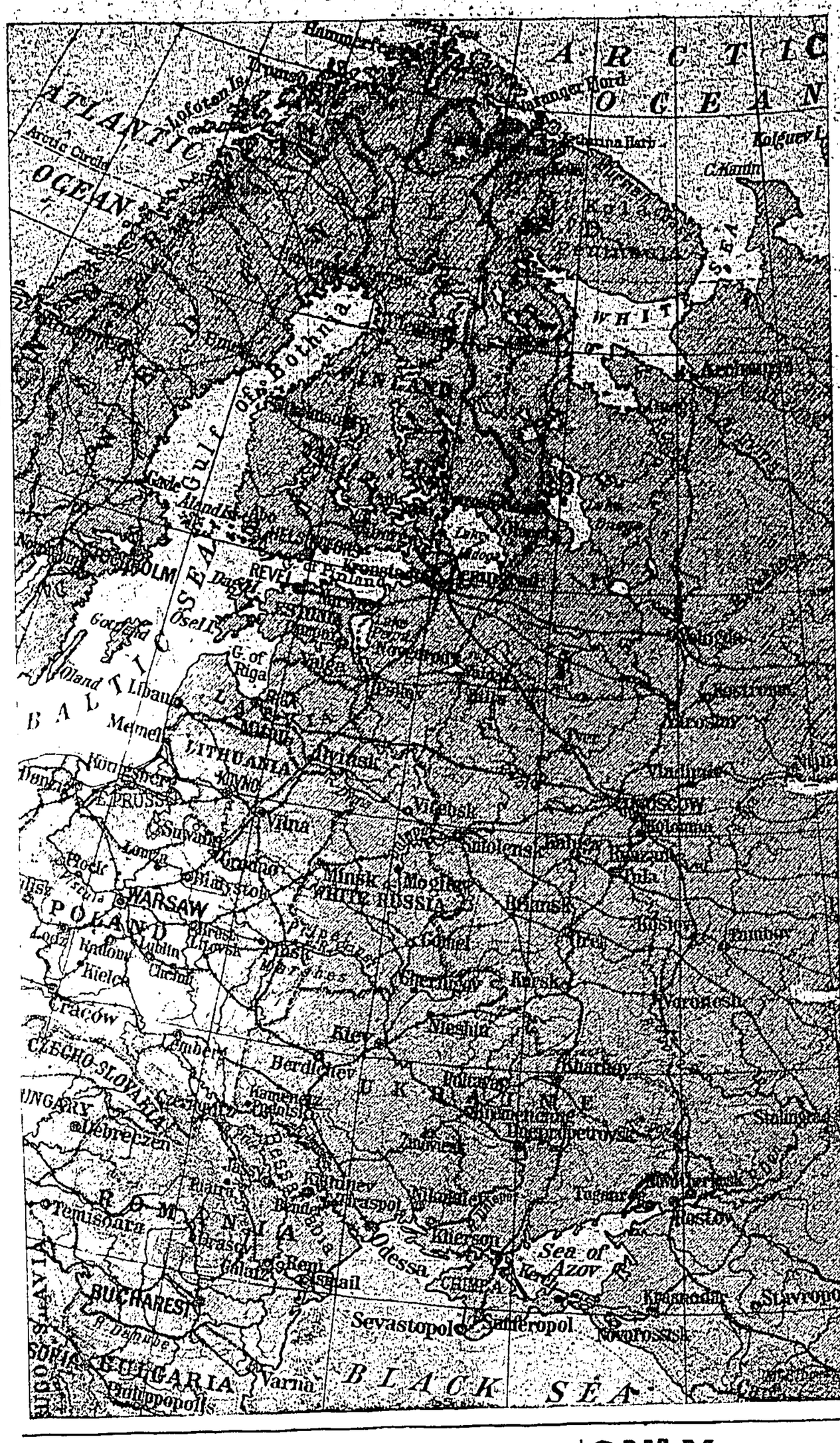

NEW A. A. DEVICE IN ACTION

Britain's most formidable land cruisers, a new American tank and a secret anti-aircraft device were seen in action by cadets of an anti-tank Officer Cadets' Training Unit, writes a "Daily Telegraph" reporter.

The American tank, which corresponded approximately to a British light tank with a somewhat higher turret, gave a spectacular exhibition of fast climbing up a steep and treacherous slope. American-made tank guns were also shown.

I lurched to the scene of battle in a British infantry tank, the best means of crossing the undulating morass. It was encouraging to learn that this particular type is now being manufactured in most satisfactory numbers.

The "battle" began when a squadron of fast British cruiser tanks emerged from cover and, detecting an "enemy convoy" moving along a depression in the muddy flats, began to shell the vehicles with their two-pounder guns, using live ammunition. Accurate shooting soon put the targets out of action.

Three Spitfires then arrived and made a series of realistic low-flying attacks on the tanks.

Against tiny balloons carried by the wind the secret anti-aircraft device achieved results which suggested that, handled resolutely, it would be very effective.

Afterwards I saw a squadron of heavy infantry tanks moving forward in attack formation.

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A Rumanian diplomat who resigned from the diplomatic service as a protest against his Government's submission to Nazi domination has joined the Pioneer Corps as a private.

He is Mr. M. I. Murgu, former Press attache to the Rumanian Legation in London. His reason for joining up is "to encourage my compatriots to forget their private squabbles and help Britain to conquer the Nazi menace."

Mr. Murgu fought with the Rumanian Army in the last war and won two medals. He enrolled in the British Army.

His wife, who is English, is about to join one of the women's national defence organisations.

"Although I am now 41," said Mr. Murgu, "I want to do my best as a soldier to show that deeds are better than words, and that the only way Rumanians can help themselves is to help Britain and her Allies. I am now the only Rusmanian in the British Army, but I hope I will soon be joined by others."

SAPPER QUITE IMPRESSIVE AT MORNING TRAINING BUT FAR VIEW UNLIKELY TO WIN

By "Rapier".

THE SECOND HALF OF THE LOCAL RACING SEASON WILL START ON SATURDAY WEEK, SEPTEMBER 27, AND ALL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOW BEEN COMPLETED.

The ponies have been given harder work within the past week, and the majority appear to be ready for the re-opening.

With the usual complement of jockeys in Hong Kong, together with the transfer back to this port of Mr. G. R. Cheape, a promising jockey who graduated up in Shanghai, owners generally should be well served in this department.

MR. L. B. CHAO HAS SEVERED HIS CONNECTION WITH THE MARBER STABLE AND WILL HENCEFORTH HANDLE PONIES FROM MR. S. W. LEE'S STABLE, WHILE MR. H. S. CHANG WILL RIDE FOR THE MARBER AND WHY STABLES AT THE COMING MEETINGS.

Messrs. H. C. Pih and G. Treverton, however, will not be available as the former underwent an operation for appendicitis recently and the latter is on holiday.

In this article I will give a few notes on the form of the old Australian Subs. and the China Subs. and so conclude by comments on the ponies following the Summer vacation.

Australian Subs.

SAPPER, Champion Australian pony, has changed hands and will be racing under new colours. It is looking very fit, and its movement in morning gallops has been quite impressive. There is no denying the fact that Sapper is hard to beat from the mile upward carrying weight as per inches.

FAR VIEW, the ex-champion, was sent out to Fanling for rest after the Melbourne Cup at the First Extra meeting, when it ran unplaced. It is now in harness again, but, judging from its track work, I have come to the conclusion that Far View is not the Far View of yore, and I doubt if it will ever be good enough to win an "A" Class race.

MANY THANKS, which dead-heated with Distant View in the Shark Bay Handicap over the mile in record time when carrying 135 lb., has shown further improvement after the recess, and may be depended on to give a good account of itself amongst the "A" Class ponies.

Lancashire Chips Will Still Need Watching

LANCASHIRE CHIPS fell off rather badly when running in "A" Class, but regained its old form when it dead-heated with Mainsail for first place in the Manley Handicap (First Section) carrying top-weight in a "B" Class encounter in record time. However, this pony is still showing good form at morning gallops and should be borne in mind over short distances.

VICEROY does not seem to move too well at its morning exercises, and I am afraid its chances of winning a race in "A" Class are rather remote. In "B" Class, however, it may bring off a win or two.

BAFFIN BAY has not summered too well and seems to have lost a great deal of flesh. Judging from its workout last Saturday, it cannot be compared to the pony which won the Brisbane Spring Handicap over two miles in record time.

A GRAND TIME, another former champion, is regaining some of its old form although, good as this pony is, I am afraid that it is not good enough to win a race in its present class.

Cheerful Star In First Class Condition

CHEERFUL STAR, which won the Bondi Handicap for "C" Class ponies over the Champions distance to equal the record, is at the moment in first class condition and should win a race or two in "B" Class.

CATTERICK BRIDGE is quite tuned up for action and should be borne in mind for races over the mile in its present class.

ROWAN, which was a skeleton of a pony before winning the Manley Handicap (Second section) for "B" Class, has put on a great deal of weight during the Summer interval, and I am afraid it will not be ready in time for the coming meeting.

SPRINGHURST is also tuned up for action, and it should be worth following whenever it appears in races of a mile and less.

CONTACT, which lost to Rowan and Springhurst over six furlongs when ridden by Mr. Craven, is looking much better since its last run and, from what I have seen, it will be a strong contender in the "B" Class race at the coming meeting, especially with Mr. Davis riding.

CONNIEBER, PICCADILLY JIM, ROOIFLY and NATIONAL VICTORY are not as good as they should be but may improve as time goes on.

BRUTUS, CRIFFEL, PUMPERNICKEL, CENTRE COURT, COCKLEROI, DEVONIAN, SHUTTLECOCK and WINNIE are all in good shape, and I expect them to be prominent at later meetings in their respective class.

CHINA SUBS

Amongst the Subs. still racing at the moment KING KONG, the champion Sub. which was purchased by Mr. S. W. Lee at the Public Auction, appears to have benefitted from the Summer recess, and its appearance seems to indicate that it will still have a win or two for its new owner.

CELTIC STAR is being very patiently trained by Mr. Craven and should be kept in mind at future meetings.

STRATHBANNOCK is coming along again after being in the background for sometime, and it may win a race this second half.

GUINNESS TIME, THIS TIME and WEST LAKE are still sluggish in their movements but will probably get into condition after a few hard gallops.

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N.Z. HORSE FOR INDIA WINS RACE

Under offer at £3,000 to do its future racing in India if sold, the three-year-old gelding Lou Rosa won the Foley Memorial at Avondale, New Zealand, recently.

A furlong from home it did not look as though it would get up, as its rider, McTavish, was then hard at it but it gradually wore down British Talent, and then Foxsen, and got the decision by a head.

Recently the owner, Mr. A. E. Lennard, was asked to put a price on Lou Rosa, the inquirer intimating that in the event of a sale the son of Foxbridge—Lucy Rose would be sent to India to race. Mr. Lennard mentioned £3,000 and there the matter rests at present.

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Captain Elsey, Malton trainer, says that instead of £400 and £500 races, Northern trainers would prefer additional races of £200 and £250 each, making seven or eight races a day. South-country competition for the bigger prizes was very strong, he adds.

BIG HITTING IN CALE GREENGAME

After being on military duty all night, Major Herbert Sutcliffe travelled more than a hundred miles to take part in a match at Cale Green, Stockport, for the "Daily Dispatch" War Comforts Fund.

His enthusiasm gained its own reward, for it is expected that the Fund will benefit by more than £300, and his eleven beat Jack Iddon's team by four wickets with 10 minutes to spare.

A crowd of 5,000 saw some fine batting, the players being spurred on by offers made by various sportsmen to pay one shilling a run to the Fund for innings played by their favourites.

The biggest innings was played by W. Barber, the Yorkshire batsman, whose first scoring strokes were four 4's, a 6, and then another 4, and he hit altogether two 6's and twelve 4's in his 82.

George Cox hit a 6 and five 4's. George Pope a 6 and four 4's, while on Iddon's side Paynter hit a 6 and six 4's, Iddon a 6 and ten 4's, and Butterworth ten 4's.

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H.K. AREA AQUATICS POSTPONED

The Hong Kong Area Swimming Championships, which were to have been held this evening at Army Pool, have been postponed to next Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

FOOTBALL PROFITS & LOSSES

Glasgow Rangers announce a profit of £2,314, which does not include their share of the Scottish Cup final and also replay receipts.

Bristol Rovers made £140 profit without playing.

Liverpool lost £1,421.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, who did not play any football last season, report a deficiency of £4,846 on the year's working. This sum includes £2,744 written off ground fittings.

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WAITS 22 YEARS FOR HAT TRICK

No cricketer could miss a famous hat-trick by a more exasperatingly narrow margin than to take two Yorkshire wickets with successive balls and then have none other than Wilfrid Rhodes dropped off the third.

And when a few seasons later history repeats itself with Rhodes again the batsman missed off the third ball, the baffled bowler is entitled to conclude fate does not mean him to be numbered among the first-class hat-tricksters.

This happened to Nigel Haig, and I am telling the story because the famous Middlesex skipper, at the age of 53, has just achieved in a club match at Middleton, Sussex, the hat-trick which eluded him through 22 years of all grades of first-class cricket, writes L. V. Manning.

Curious how the drama of his two Yorkshire "near things," with Rhodes featuring in both, escaped the recorders all these years.

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Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club's first practice match of the season will be held at 4 p.m. on September 20 on the "Y" ground, King's Park. Players are requested to bring both Club and white shirts.

LEN HARVEY TO RETURN TO RING?

Pilot-Officer Len Harvey, British and Empire heavy-weight champion and R.A.F. since the first siren is at last persuaded to defend his title?

The whisper is persistent that a fight is well on the way to being fixed up, writes L. V. Manning, **and that Tommy Farr is the opponent. If not Farr, it would be either Jack London or Doyle.**

The news, if it materialises, is all the more startling because Harvey had made no secret of the fact that he had no intention of defending his title during the war. Moreover, he felt strongly that he ought not to be expected to do so.

In peace-time the matching of these two would be hailed as a "natural," and even with a war on it would stir the alley like no match has done since September 3, 1939.

Venue Secret

Harvey was 34 yesterday. Farr is 26. Harvey has not been in the ring for a serious contest for two years—July 10, 1939, when he beat McAvoy, and Farr not since November 10 same year, when he defeated Manuel Abrew in Dublin.

Whether Farr has, gone back during his enforced absence from the ring, and whether the always-fit Harvey can still make it at the age of 34 are the intriguing queries which would make the fight a sell-out at top prices.

The idea is an open-air night show. Where, is still "hush-hush," but I can say it won't be Wembley, White City, or Harringay.

HARVEY DECLINES WORLD TITLE BOUT

Len Harvey, British cruiser-weight and heavy-weight champion, has refused an offer to fight Billy Conn in Canada for the world light-heavyweight title, which both claim.

OPENING FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Following are the opening fixtures in the Hong Kong Football League, which commences on Saturday, September 27:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

First Division

Police v St. Joseph's (Boundary Street, 5.45 p.m.)
Kowloon v Club (Kowloon, 5.45 p.m.)
Middlesex v Eastern (Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)
Sing Tao v Engineers (Club, 5.45 p.m.)

Second Division

Police v Service Corps (Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)
Kowloon v Club (Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)
Middlesex v Eastern (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
Sing Tao v Engineers (Club, 4.15 p.m.)
7th R.A. v Ordnance (St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)
Kit Chee v 12th R.A. (Caroline Hill, 5.45 p.m.)

Third Division

University v 20th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 5.45 p.m.)
965th R.A. v 12th R.A. (Stanley, 4.15 p.m.)
24th R.A. v Medicals (Military, 5.45 p.m.)
7th R.A. v Signals (Military, 4.15 p.m.)
Pung Ngai v Shell (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

First Division

Royal Scots v Navy (Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)
South China v Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 5.45 p.m.)

Second Division

Royal Scots v Signals (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
South China v Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)

Third Division

30th R.A. v 36th R.A. (Stanley, 5.45 p.m.)
Air Force v Service Corps (Chatham Road, 5.45 p.m.)

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Second Division

Sing Tao v South China (Caroline Hill, 5.45 p.m.)
Engineers v Kwong Wah (Military, 5.45 p.m.)
Kowloon v Royal Scots (Kowloon, 5.45 p.m.)
Club v Signals (Club, 5.45 p.m.)
7th R.A. v Police (Boundary Street, 5.45 p.m.)
Ordnance v Service Corps (Military, 4.15 p.m.)
Kit Chee v Middlesex (Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)
12th R.A. v Eastern (Chatham Road, 5.45 p.m.)

Third Division

965th R.A. v 24th R.A. (Stanley, 4.15 p.m.)
12th R.A. v Medicals (Stanley, 5.45 p.m.)
30th R.A. v University (St. Joseph's, 5.45 p.m.)
36th R.A. v 20th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
Pung Ngai v Air Force (Prince Edward Rd., 5.45 p.m.)
Signals v Lanford (Military, 5.45 p.m.)
Shell v Service Corps (Ground to be notified later.)

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AVERY SCORES CENTURY

A crowd of 4,000 at Warrington saw George Duckworth's XI (226 for six declared) draw with an R.A.F. XI (171 for seven) in a match in aid of the "Daily Dispatch" War Comforts Fund. Eddie Paynter hit four 6's and nine 4's in scoring 94 for Duckworth's XI.

A. V. Avery (Essex) hit 103 for British Empire XI, who won by 138 runs at West Wickham. C. B. Clarke, West Indies Test bowler, took 5 for 28 and was then hurt in falling on a coil of barbed wire.

It will be recalled that Avery visited Hong Kong with the Islington Corinthians' touring football team and played one innings at Kowloon Cricket Club.

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A meeting of the League Management Committee of Hong Kong Football Association will be held this afternoon to make arrangements for the Charity game on October 10.

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Appointment of referees and linesmen for the opening football matches of the season will be made this evening at a meeting of the referees' sub-committee of Hong Kong Football Association.

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Mr. J. Skinner, chairman of Hong Kong Football Club and League Management Committee of Hong Kong Football Association, is endeavouring to get all clubs with enclosed grounds to agree to a uniform price of admission to football games.

GOLFING ITEMS

Collings Wins Valley & Kowloon Titles In Same Year

As generally expected, R. K. Collings won the Happy Valley Golf Championship last Sunday with an aggregate of 152 (78 and 74) with J. M. Thomson runner-up, two strokes behind (73-81=154).

Collings, however, started very badly, having a 6 at the very first hole, and then, after having recovered somewhat in the afternoon, was short with his second shot at the last hole.

A large number of spectators had gathered at the club-house, including Thomson, who had finished with 154, and they all applauded when Collings chipped out of the bunker in great style and sank his putt for a par 4.

Had he failed to do this the championship would no doubt have gone to Thomson, who played excellent golf in the morning he led the field by five strokes at the end of the first 18 holes—but fell off in the afternoon.

A. J. Dennis fought back well with an excellent round of 74 in the afternoon, after a poor round of 87 in the morning, while the steadiest player of the day was K. S. Robertson whose cards for morning and afternoon both read 78.

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RARE "DOUBLE"

THIS is the first title Collings has won at the Valley, and it provided him with a rare "double" as he had won the Kowloon Golf Club Championship earlier in the year, beating his partner T. B. Low in the Final.

Some years ago he also won the K.G.C. Championship when he beat K. Robertson in the Final.

Collings, partnered by Low, also won this year's First and Second Summer Foursomes at the Valley.

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PADGHAM 70

ALF Padgham and W. J. Cox beat Henry Cotton and George Stephenson, the local professional, 2 and 1 in a four-ball at Wendover recently. Padgham was round in 70, Cox 71, Cotton 72, and Stephenson 78.

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WELCOME NEWS

MRS. Dai Rees, wife of the former match-play golf champion, has been anxiously awaiting news of her husband who is overseas with his R.A.F. unit.

He went about three months ago, since when she has been running his shop for him at Hindhead and watching for the postman.

Last month she had a letter from a total stranger from somewhere in the Middle East which said: "Dai is playing beautiful golf."

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HINDHEAD MATCH

ALF Padgham and T. R. A. Bevan beat Captain Somerville, six times Canadian champion, who had borrowed Dai Rees's clubs, and Bill Cox 5 and 4 in the "Daily Sketch" War Relief Fund four-ball at Hindhead.

The winners took the lead at the fifth, and when they won the ninth, 10th, and 11th in 3, 2, 3, the match was virtually settled.

Bevan holed across the green for a 2 at the 10th, and Alfred nonchantly knocked in a long one for a "birdie".

After the match an auction included a case of 500 lemons, which brought spirited bidding, a tame duck and a hen complete with a sitting of eggs.

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OPEN WINNER LOSES

A BIG and enthusiastic crowd at Purley Downs watched the "Daily Sketch" War Relief Fund golf match in which Alfred Padgham and Charles Johns, the home professional, beat the Open champion, Dick Burton, and Arthur Lacey by 4 and 3.

The winners finished in six under fours after Burton and Lacey had held the lead until the seventh.

After the match the balls were auctioned on the home green and brought in £13 10s., and there was also an auction in the club-house, and a putting competition for the public.

This was organised by the famous Open champion, James Braid, and Mr. W. Greenslade, an 84-year-old member of Purley Downs.

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TYPES OF PLAYERS

A FORTNIGHT ago we gave you one or two of the golfing types Richards Vidmer had met. Here are some more:

Of course you've met Temperamental Tommy. He never likes any shot he hits. If he puts a No. 2 iron shot ten feet from the pin he shakes his head in disappointment because he was off line, and if he explodes out of a trap within three feet he is mad because he wasn't closer. When he really misses a shot he goes into a red rage and calls himself names. Sometimes he even throws his clubs, although I have found that club throwers are getting fewer and fewer.

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THE "MUMBLER"

THEN there's the mumbler. He is always talking to himself as he strolls around the course and if you sneak up behind him and listen you will hear him muttering. "Two pars for a 43. I never should have three-putted the fifth hole. And that was a horrible drive I hit on the third. Might have had at 41 if I had any sense. Well, 43 is all right." Then he'll wind up with a couple of sixes and his usual 47.

I have gone into the loiterers before and rather at length. They are rather a tribe of their own, and come into various classes. Some loiter by being unable to make up their minds. Some freeze when they address the ball and it takes a couple of minutes for them to get up the nerve to swing. Some have to study every lie from all angles. And some just walk slowly. They aren't very pleasant to play with, but they're even worse to play behind.

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THE "HUSTLER"

AND, of course, on the other hand, there's the hustler. He hits his shot and immediately starts after it without waiting for you to hit yours. He thinks he can make everybody else in the game hurry up by galloping along himself, with the result that he's generally way out in front of the others and almost invariably has to be halted with a shout of "fore!"

There also is the self-appointed pro. If he can play just as well as you, or perhaps a couple of shots better, he spends most of his time giving you a free lesson. He'll tell you just what was wrong with every shot, even when you hit a good one, and he knows that you can cure that fade if you just close your stance a little. He never knows that you've been trying to cure the damn thing for three years and closing your stance never has helped yet.

All are probably very familiar to you if you're a golfer. Perhaps you are one of them yourself. I know I am.

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Ben Lilley, former Notts wicket-keeper, who is now 47, played for his old county against R.A.F. XI at Trent Bridge.

LANE, CRAWFORD SUCCESS

At Happy Valley on Sunday, Lane, Crawford's beat Civil Service Cricket Club by 49 runs in a friendly cricket match, the scores being:—

LANEFORD: 149 (A. B. Hamson, 37 retired, E. C. Fincher 31; G. Stone 4 for 37, P. D. Crawley 3 for 18).

CIVIL SERVICE: 100 (W. Golledge 30, G. Stone 22; T. Edgar, 2 for 0, J. Lodge 2 for 13, A. B. Hamson 2 for 14).

The scores printed in last Monday's editions were inaccurate, giving the result of the match as a draw.

OLIDON HAD REAL BAD LUCK

A GAME LITTLE HORSE TRAVELLED TWO AND A QUARTER MILES IN THE GOLD CUP, ONLY TO LOSE ITS VALUABLE PRIZE IN THE LAST STRIDE BY A HEAD, WRITES GIMCRACK.

It was Miss Dorothy Paget's Olidon, and it would have beaten Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen's Finis but for falling lame late in the race.

"Finis seemed to be taking one stride to little Olidon's three," said Tommy Carey, Olidon's jockey, to me after the race. "Olidon changed his legs once or twice during the race."

But for these little lapses and the fact that he was found lame on pulling up, I am certain Olidon would have justified my optimism in napping it.

Winterhalter was beaten by a neck for second place, and it was only in the last stride that Olidon conceded the verdict to Finis.

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ENGLISH CRICKET UNSHAKEN

The cream of 'Varsity cricket and a generous sprinkling of famous names gave the recent Anti-Aircraft Brigade v. a Lord's XI. match the air of a rationed Gentlemen v. Players duel with a much better title, writes L. V. Manning.

Joe Hardstaff's aesthetic leg glances made his half hundred good to look at while G. F. Heane and E. R. T. Holmes competed evenly for the off-drive championship.

The pace and pick-up of young Crutchley in the wide open spaces was best amateur vintage and helped the onlookers to be sure that when A. Hitler is caught J. Stalin, bowled W. Churchill English cricket will snap right back to post war standard.

UNITED SERVICES' ELEVEN TO CLASH WITH ARMY TO-DAY

By "Referee"

With the playing fields now open to football, clubs are endeavouring to get in as much practice as possible in the 10 days left before the first League game and several friendly games have been arranged to be played during the week, while the various Batteries and Units have fixed up games among themselves at Stanley and wherever an Army ground is available.

The United Service team to play in the Charity game against Combined Eastern and Sing Tao on Saturday are having a final practice against the Rest of the Army at Causeway Bay this afternoon at 6 p.m., weather permitting.

At Boundary Street, South China, League champions, meet Police, who hope to be at full strength, while Air Force, Third Division champions, make their first public appearance this season when they meet Police Juniors.

To-morrow Engineers, newcomers to First Division, will be given their first real test when they entertain Eastern at Sookunpoo. It will be recalled that Sappers beat Club 7-3 last Saturday, while Eastern beat Police 6-4 on Sunday.

During the week-end practically all clubs will be playing friendly games.

Following are the coming charity and friendly soccer games:—

To-Day

SENIOR

United Services v Army
(Navy ground, 6 p.m.)

Police v South China
(Boundary Street, 5.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. H. Beard.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Williamson and Taylor.

St. Joseph's v Ordnance
(St. Joseph's, 5.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. F. A. Barretto.

JUNIOR

Police v Air Force
(Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Edwards.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Peralta & Wilson.

Thursday

SENIOR

Engineers v Eastern
(Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Mitchell.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Lancaster and Young.

Saturday

CHARITY MATCH

Eastern-Sing Tao v United Services
(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)

SENIOR

Police v Kwong Wah
(Boundary Street, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Kossick.
Linesmen:—Messrs. James and Hancock.

Club v Sing Tao
(Club, 6 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Emmons.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Lai Po-doun and C. Lai.

Kowloon v Middlesex
(Kowloon, 5.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Smith.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Moore & Watson.

JUNIOR

Police v Kwong Wah.
(Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Taylor.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Moggeridge and Young.

Club v Sing Tao
(Club, 5 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Williamson.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Wilson & Vesco.

Kowloon v Middlesex
(Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Banham.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Yearling and Quinn.

Sunday

CHARITY MATCH

South China v Governor's Cup XI.
(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)

To-Day's Teams

Following are the teams for to-day's United Service practice match:—

Army XI:—Jackson (Middlesex); Naysmith (Royals) and Sheehan (Middlesex); Falconer (Royals), Guy (Artillery) and Young (R.A.S.C.); Coomer (Middlesex), Fox (Engineers), Auld (Royals), Pelham (Engineers), and Martin (R.A.S.C.).

United Services:—Bankier (Royals); Roughley (Navy) and Fraser (Royals); Birrell (Engineers), Bright (Middlesex) and Thomas (Middlesex); Hossack (Royals), Barber (Navy), Hendy (Navy), Le Page (Navy) and Duffield (Ordnance).

Reserves:—Sheehan (Middlesex) and Pelham (Engineers).

Easier Golf

TRAINING THE LEFT HAND

By Best Ball

While there seems to be no short cut to a good golf game except hard practice along the right fundamental lines, one can increase left hand efficiency by conscious control. By this is meant a constant awareness of the job the left hand has to do in golf and the determination to make the left hand as strong and useful as possible in the swing. In addition to grip strengthening exercise; using an artificial grip strengthener or a rubber ball, there are other methods which can be employed during a day of routine tasks. This method means the use of the left hand at any and all occasions where it can be substituted for the right.

Instead of using the right as usual, let the golfer employ the left where possible. Carrying a package, holding out the left hand to receive a bundle, taking hold of any object with this hand first will build up this member and make it take a more prominent place in the mind of the player. Continue to do little odd jobs such as those listed with the left and its value to the golf swing will flourish as a consequence.

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LOOK OUT FOR THE BALLOON BARRAGE

BULGARIAN DENIALS

Reply To Soviet's Note Of Warning

NEW FIGHTER PROGRESS

"Two new developments which are just around the corner will add immeasurably to the striking power of American fighting 'planes," writes the "Wall Street Journal" yesterday.

"One is the 20-millimetre gun which will fire from the wing of the 'plane instead of through the propellor, and the other is the fire control device which will permit the use of range finders in aeroplanes together with a centralised control for multi-turret 'planes.

"This is a radical departure from the orthodox armament practice. Because of the heavier recoil and heavier mountings, wing cannons have not been used until now.

"The Lansing, Michigan, Oldsmobile Works Division of the General Motors Corporation is starting production on a £3,000,000 order of these Hispano-Suiza rapid-fire cannons. The firing rate of this weapon is 575 shells per minute," the "Journal" says.

According to the newspaper, other fire-power development is a device perfected by the Fairchild Aviation Corporation.

"IT IS A FIRE-CONTROL APPARATUS, PROVIDING AUTOMATIC RANGE CALCULATION AND CONTROLS A LARGE NUMBER OF MOVABLE GUNS, AND WILL BE APPLICABLE TO MACHINE-GUNS AS WELL AS CANNONS." THE "JOURNAL" SAYS." — REUTER.

Knows Of No Provocative Move

THE BULGARIAN Government has categorically denied adopting "a disloyal attitude" towards Russia, according to a Sofia despatch to the German official news agency yesterday.

The Bulgarian Government, it is added, "knows nothing" of any provocative action on Bulgarian soil.

These statements are contained in the Bulgarian Government's reply to the recent protest by the Russian Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Molotov, regarding anti-Russian activities in Bulgaria. The reply was made through the Bulgarian Minister in Moscow on Monday.

Categorically declaring that all the Soviet assertions that Bulgaria has adopted a disloyal attitude towards Russia are untrue, the Note says the Bulgarian Government is specially surprised by the assertion that Bulgaria has become a base for Italo-German hostilities against Russia.

Knows Nothing

The Note ascribes these assertions to radio propaganda, adding "Bulgaria has merely taken a course corresponding to her interests. The Government knows nothing of any provocative action against the Soviet Union on Bulgarian soil."

The Note maintains that Russian bombs have been dropped on Bulgarian soil and also that one parachutist, whose identity has been established, has been landed.

The attitude of the Bulgarian press is stated to be merely the logical outcome of that adopted by the Russian press and radio.

"Purely Defence"

The Note further protests against the assertion that the recent changes in the Bulgarian penal regulations indicate preparation for an attack on Russia.

These measures, it is stated, are "purely defensive and precautionary" and the question is purely an internal one.

Finally the Note declares Russia is misinformed. Otherwise Russia, it is declared, would "have no serious grounds for complaining of Bulgaria's disloyalty or of aggressive intentions." — Reuter.

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JEWISH RALLY IN MOSCOW

"IN THIS STRUGGLE AGAINST BARBARISM THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN, AS INDEED JEWS OF ALL FREE AND FREEDOM-LOVING COUNTRIES, ARE GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT THE JEWISH POPULATION OF RUSSIA, TOGETHER WITH THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS OF THE SOVIET UNION, HAVE WHOLE-HEARTEDLY JOINED US."

The President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Professor Selig Brodetsky, made this declaration yesterday in replying to a message received from a Jewish Rally held in Moscow.

Prof. Brodetsky further says: "In countries enslaved by the Nazis and Fascists, Jews were the first victims and they continue to be the special object of their brutality."—Reuter.

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HOUR'S INTERVIEW WITH POPE

Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal envoy to the Holy See, who arrived in Rome last week bearing a message from President Roosevelt to the Pope, had an hour's interview with the Pope yesterday, according to a Vatican City despatch to Vichy quoted by Reuter.

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DEATH

FUNG KONG UN.—On Sunday, September 14, 1941, at No. 54, Bonham Road, Hong Kong, Fung Kong Un (owner of Fung Tang), aged 68 years. Funeral will take place today, September 17 and last respects will be paid at the Farewell Pavilion, Kennedy Town, at 2 p.m.

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SINCE "ZERO HOUR" (ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT) THE UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET, STRIPPED FOR ACTION, HAS BEEN TAKING UNDER ARMED PROTECTION ALL LEASE AND LEND CARGOES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ICELAND.

The widely accepted view in authoritative quarters in Washington is that this means actual convoying.

That the statement of the Secretary of Navy, Col. Frank Knox, was broader than the "shoot at sight" policy set forth by President Roosevelt, was the expressed opinion of naval strategists.

They declared the adequate protection of merchantmen meant convoys as the only certain way of ensuring the protection of all ships at the crucial moment of attack.

FOR ITS TASK OF WATCH-DOG OVER THE PRICELESS CARGOES OF AID TO BRITAIN THE ATLANTIC FLEET IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY MORE THAN 125 VESSELS.

These include three old battleships assigned to it when it was created a year ago, while the Fleet has been steadily growing by the addition of newly-built vessels, and probably by transfers from the Pacific Fleet.

Meanwhile the U.S. Navy Department has announced that every naval vessel authorised by law has been contracted for "in creation of the greatest array of fighting ships under one flag the world has ever seen."

In Battle Line

It is disclosed that two of six new 35,000-ton dreadnoughts, the "North Carolina" and "Washington," have been added to the battle line this month, giving the United States 17 battleships in actual service.

The Navy Department also stated that a survey of vessels in the course of construction and contracted for revealed "astounding progress" in the accelerated building of the two-ocean navy.

A total of 2,831 combat and auxiliary ships has been ordered since January 1, 1940, at a cost of $7,234,262,178.—Reuter.

"Pacific Agreement"

JAPAN STICKS TO STORY

Announcement of a "Japanese - American agreement" as a result of the recent discussions in Washington, has been delayed owing to difficulties which have arisen during the past week.

THIS IS ACCORDING TO THE TOKYO CORRESPONDENT OF THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY.

The correspondent adds: "This has caused the Government to defer the announcement of basic points on which agreement has been reached.

"ALTHOUGH THE NATURE OF THE DIFFICULTIES IS NOT CLEAR IT IS UNDERSTOOD THEY ARE NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE THE COLLAPSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS OR JEOPARDISE THE HOPES OF A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.

"The difficulties are alleged to have resulted from points raised by Washington at the eleventh hour.

"Before these difficulties arose the two Governments are said to have reached agreement on certain basic principles covering future Japanese-American relations and relating chiefly to an assurance of peace in the Pacific and the gradual easing of the economic restrictions against Japan."—Reuter.

V

PANAMA DEMANDS INDEMNITIES

The Panamanian Government has instructed its Minister in Berlin to present a formal protest to the German Government regarding the sinkings of the steamships "Sessa" and "Montana," advising him to claim indemnity.

Decision in this regard was taken at yesterday morning's Cabinet session.—Reuter.

BITTER RIVER BATTLE.

German plans to use certain small islands and one bank of the River "V" in the neighbourhood of Leningrad as a jumping off ground for a further advance towards the city, have been foiled after a bitter struggle.

Preparing for their task under the cover of artillery fire the Russians launched an attack at dawn. Aided by boats and pontoons they crossed the river and stormed the islands concerned with bayonets and hand grenades.

A girl member of the Leningrad volunteers was among the first line of the storming party. She was armed with a rifle and hand grenade.

THE GERMANS PUT UP FIERCE RESISTANCE BUT IN THE END THEY WERE FORCED OFF THE ISLANDS AND NOW THE RUSSIANS HOLD BOTH THE RIVER BANKS AS WELL.

The Germans lost hundreds of dead and much material in this battle. They are now venting their anger by fruitlessly shelling the islands concerned.—Reuter.

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MUNITIONS TRAIN BLOWN UP

Eleven mysterious accidents occurred in Czechoslovakia during the latter part of July, according to news reaching authoritative Czech circles in Jerusalem yesterday.

In addition an ammunition train from the famous Skoda armaments works has been blown up.

Over 250 officers and men of the German army were killed in one accident.

The mass destruction of crops at night in Slovakia has led to the imposition of a curfew covering all grainfields.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT AND AMATEUR STRATEGISTS

Replying to a query whether convoying was one means of protecting the flow of Lease and Lend supplies, President Roosevelt said yesterday that amateur strategists should not assume there was only one means.—Reuter.

Queen's Property Seized

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands has had all her property seized by the German occupation authorities in the Netherlands.

The order of seizure applies also to all property belonging to living members of the House of Orange-Nassau, states a Hague despatch to the German news agency.

The confiscation is based on a decree dealing with persons who foster anti-German sentiments.

In one announcement issued by the Reich Commissar it is stated that "the former Queen Wilhelmina has excluded herself from the unity of the new Europe by her persistence in adhering to the Bolshevik-capitalistic front."—Reuter.

WAR MAY BE FORCED ON U.S.

"Events of the last few days strongly indicate that war may be forced upon the United States," announced Mr. Ralph Bard, Assistant Secretary of Navy, addressing ensigns of the training ship "Prairie State" yesterday.

MR. BARD SAID GERMAN SUBMARINES WERE COMING EVEN CLOSER TO THE AMERICAN SHORES AND THAT FOUR-ENGINED BOMBERS HAD SUNK SHIPS WITHIN A FEW MILES OF LAND IN THIS HEMISPHERE.

"The possibilities of attack which were scoffed at a year ago are viewed with apprehension today," he said.—Reuter.

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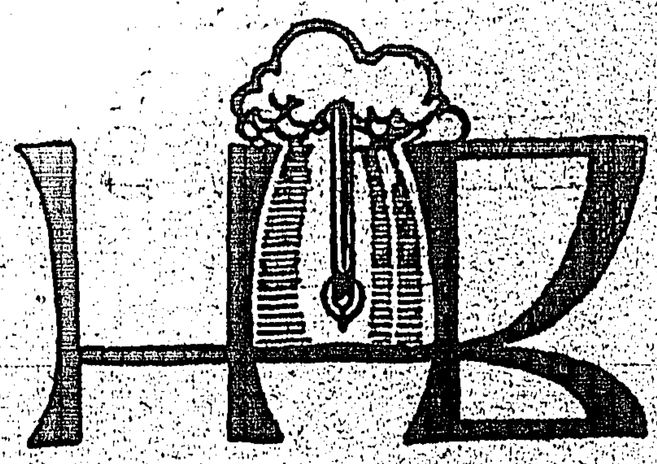

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DECISIVE RESULTS LACKING

Significant German Communique

Russia Still Uninformative

(War Commentary by "Annalist")

THE RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE YESTERDAY WAS NO MORE INFORMATIVE THAN USUAL, SPEAKING SIMPLY OF BITTER FIGHTING ALONG THE ENTIRE FRONT.

The German communique indulged in some extravagant claims regarding prisoners captured, divisions destroyed and war material put out of action south of Lake Ilmen.

Most significant feature of the German claim is the fact that the successes have, according to the German High Command, taken place over the period of the last few weeks.

This does not suggest there has been a major battle with a decisive result.

It rather looks as though, in the absence of a big concrete success, the Germans have added up their alleged local results, multiplied the whole by "x" and blazoned forth a shout of victory in order to keep up the morale of their own people and prepare them at the same time for news of considerable German losses.

Assuredly success cannot be achieved without sacrifices against such stubborn fighters as the Russians admittedly are.

Therefore, despite the identification by number of a number of Russian armies alleged to have been smashed, the whole tenor of the German communique is unconvincing.

More Stabilised

There is no news from either side regarding the fighting in the central zone but in the south the Germans claim to be advancing eastward on a broad front across the Dnieper River.

This probably refers to the capture of Kremenchug, which the Russians admitted on Monday and where the situation seems subsequently to have become more or less stabilised.

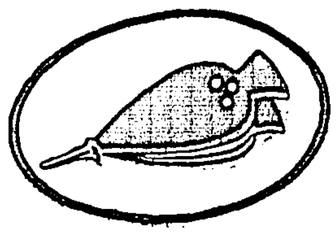
Best criterion of the situation is the fact that neither Leningrad, Kiev or Odessa seem to be unduly concerned about the situation.—Reuter.

V

DE GAULLE BACK IN ENGLAND

General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces, has returned to London after five months' absence.

During his absence he visited Syria, following the armistice with the Vichy authorities there, and on his way back passed through Cairo and Brazzaville, centre of Free French Equatorial Africa.—Reuter.



FELLOWSHIP OF THE BELLOWS

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WHAT NAZIS TELL SWEDEN

Wormsoe Island, situated between Dagoe and Oesel, in the Baltic Sea off the Estonian coast, has been captured by the Germans, according to Berlin reports quoted by Swedish correspondents in the Nazi capital.

The Finns claim to have broken Russian resistance in the province of Olonetz although admitting that numerous pockets of Russian troops are still holding out.

The Swedish correspondents quote the Finns as stating they are advancing on both sides of the marshy tract while the Russians are feverishly improving their defences at Petroskoj.

Further German reports quoted by Swedish correspondents say Finnish batteries are now bombarding Leningrad whose outer defences have been penetrated at many points and a ring of 15 or 20 kilometres from the centre is almost complete around the city.

These correspondents say the Germans claim that the thrust in the south over Keretop and Kremenchug is designed to cut off Kiev and to encircle an area as large as Saxony.—Reuter.

V

CUTTING RED TAPE IN U.S.

A new step to speed Lease and Lend operations by cutting red tape was announced by President Roosevelt at his press conference yesterday but he declined to say whether the Navy would engage in actual convoying to get war supplies overseas.

The President said he had named Mr. Stettinius as special assistant empowered to affix the presidential signature to Lease and Lend documents, thus eliminating 24 hours delay within the White House.

There had already been a reduction in the period between application and final clearance, he added.

Asked whether convoying was one means contemplated for the protection of the flow of war supplies to nations fighting the Axis, President Roosevelt said he thought he had said enough on that subject, but he added that amateur strategists should not think there was only one means of affording protection.

Replying to further questions he declared it depended on the naval situation whether further sinkings or attacks on American-owned commercial ships would be announced, and whether there would be announcements of encounters between American warships and submarines or surface raiders in the western Atlantic.—Reuter.

HITLER BEATEN IF SOVIETS KEEP ARMY INTACT

The belief that even if the Russians should be forced to retreat from Kiev, Leningrad and Moscow, Hitler is already beaten as long as the line is kept intact, was voiced by Mr. Peter Fraser, New Zealand Premier, speaking at a civic reception in Wellington yesterday.

Mr. Fraser added this view is held in authoritative circles in Britain.—Reuter.

PRISONERS OF WAR IN INDIA

Total number of prisoners of war in India has now been announced as about 7,500 officers and 32,000 men, says Reuter from Bombay.

LENINGRAD TALK TO LONDON

Leningrad and London are now talking on the air.

In response to a Londoners' message broadcast a few days ago the Leningrad radio yesterday responded: "Listen," people of London, this is Leningrad calling.

"We thank you warmly for your greetings. We admire your courageous airmen, soldiers and sailors in fighting our common enemy, Nazi Germany.

"We shall ruthlessly avenge the innocent blood of the peaceful inhabitants of London, Coventry, Plymouth, Liverpool, Warsaw, Moscow and Leningrad.

"The people of Leningrad are fighting the Fascist hordes with determination and fortitude. Your voice of friendship, coming from the battlefield, inspires us to new resistance till final victory

London will talk to Leningrad through the B.B.C.—Reuter.

SOVIET STILL CONTROLS GULF OF FINLAND

(By Reuter's Resident Correspondent in Moscow)

THE FACT THAT SOVIET BASES CONTINUE TO CONTROL THE ENTRANCE OF THE GULF OF FINLAND IS BY FAR THE MOST INTERESTING REVELATION OF THE OVERNIGHT SOVIET COMMUNIQUE.

The German attempt to land troops on the island of Sarema, or Ezel, off the Estonian coast, was beaten off not only by the Soviet fleet but also by aircraft and shore batteries.

It has always been known that the Soviet forces continued to hold Hango, off the Finnish coast, and from time to time there have been descriptive accounts in the Soviet press of fights by which more of the small islands studding the entrance to and the waters of the Finnish Gulf have been seized and occupied by Soviet troops.

The attempted German landing on Sarema island can be regarded as linking up with their general plan for operations against Leningrad.

Without at least partial control of the entrance of the Gulf of Finland it would be most difficult for the Germans to attempt to use sea power on any scale as a further arm against the defenders of Leningrad.

Serious Attempt

At present the Russians are able to use men of the Baltic Fleet for many local tasks in the defence of Leningrad.

But the men would have to be withdrawn from these tasks if it were a question of any major naval operations to be undertaken against the Germans, which would be the case if the latter forced an entry in strength into the Gulf of Finland.

IT IS EVIDENT FROM THE NUMBER OF VESSELS INVOLVED THAT IT WAS A SERIOUS ATTEMPT WHICH WAS MADE TO SEIZE THE SOVIET BASE OF SAREMA, AND IT IS CONSIDERED TO BE OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE THAT THE GERMAN ATTACK HAS BEEN BEATEN OFF WITH SUCH FIRMNESS.—REUTER.

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DEATH OF A. B. HOUGHTON

THE DEATH WAS ANNOUNCED IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY (SAYS REUTER) OF ALANSON BIGELOW HOUGHTON, WHO WAS UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN FROM 1925 TO 1929 AND THREE YEARS BEFORE THAT AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY.

Soon after he succeeded Mr. Frank B. Kellogg as Ambassador to Britain in 1925, Mr. Houghton attracted attention by a striking statement which is recalled in the light of present events.

This was "I believe the safety, peace and happiness of the whole world depend on peace between the United States and Great Britain. If we cannot get along who can?"—Reuter.

Library, Supreme Court

Shah's Son May Not Be Permitted To Take Reins

Further Activity Indicated

THE DRAMATIC announcement of the abdication of Shah Pahlevi of Iran is likely to be followed by further developments in Teheran in the next few days, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns.

Confirmation of the abdication has not yet reached London though authoritative quarters are prepared to accept the news as true as it is in line with the probable course of events in view of the extreme unpopularity of the Shah's regime and the oppression under which the Iranian people have been labouring for years past.

It is known that the people of Teheran were surprised that the Allies did not themselves take a stronger line against the intrigues with the Germans from the beginning, but British policy has been rather to strengthen the people in realisation of their aims of self-expression.

IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE SURPRISING IF THE IRANIANS ACCEPT THE ACTION OF THE SHAH IN NOMINATION OF THE CROWN PRINCE AS HIS SUCCESSOR, AS THE TWO ARE TARRED WITH THE SAME BRUSH.

The Iranian Government has so far shown helpful appreciation of the realities of the situation.

Clearing Up Situation

British and Russian forces in equal numbers are now moving towards Teheran, state authoritative quarters in London.

Purpose of this action is stated to be not directly related to the abdication of the Shah but is concerned with the definite intention of the Allies to clear up the situation regarding the Germans who will be deported from Iran, and to put an end to the Axis tactics which the Iranian Government, in spite of good intentions, had not been alone able to counter effectively.

Absolute Ruler

The Shah has left the capital. He is going to Sifahan by the road along which the British troops are advancing towards Teheran.

During an extraordinary meeting of the Iran Parliament yesday, the ex-Shah was declared to be solely responsible for the Government's policy during the last 20 years because he was an absolute ruler, according to a radio announcement.

A declaration was also made regarding the new Government. This, it was stated, will be based on constitutional procedure.

The new Shah will be sworn in this afternoon. — Reuter.

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SIR HENRY CRUMP PASSES

Sir Henry Ashbrooke Crump died of a heart attack at the English Hospital in Lisbon yesterday.

Sir Henry, formerly in the Indian Civil Service, had retired to Alassio, in Italy, and came to Portugal recently as a refugee.—Reuter.

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NEW TAX BILL ON FINAL STAGES

The U.S. House of Representatives yesterday without a vote promptly approved the £893,000,000 compromise version of the Defence Tax Bill, thus clearing the way for final action to-day by the Senate.—Reuter.

King Peter's Birthday

St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday was a scene of pomp and splendour when the King and Queen, Mr. Winston Churchill and members of the British Cabinet attended a special service celebrating the Royal coming of age, at 18, of King Peter II of Yugoslavia.

Pictures of the King and Queen and other royal dignatories were prominently featured in the London evening papers.

King Peter, in naval uniform, sat with his mother, Queen Marie, and two young brothers, Princes Tomislav and Andrei, the latter in school uniforms of grey flannels.

Queen Elizabeth wore eggshell blue and King George was in admiral's uniform.

Next to the Queen sat King Haakon of Norway, the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg and the Crown Prince of Norway.

The President of the Polish Republic, the President of Czechoslovakia and Madame Benes and Prince Bernhard sat in the same row.

The High Commissioners of the Dominions, foreign Ambassadors and the heads of the Allied forces were also present. — Reuter.

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JEWISH RALLY IN MOSCOW

"IN THIS STRUGGLE AGAINST BARBARISM THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN, AS INDEED JEWS OF ALL FREE AND FREEDOM-LOVING COUNTRIES, ARE GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT THE JEWISH POPULATION OF RUSSIA, TOGETHER WITH THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS OF THE SOVIET UNION, HAVE WHOLE-HEARTEDLY JOINED US."

The President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Professor Selig Brodetsky, made this declaration yesterday in replying to a message received from a Jewish Rally held in Moscow.

Prof. Brodetsky further says: "In countries enslaved by the Nazis and Fascists, Jews were the first victims and they continue to be the special object of their brutality."—Reuter.

BISMARCK VENGEANCE HONOURS

Finis was written yesterday to the epic story of the sinking of the "unsinkable" Bismarck which was the swift revenge which the British exacted from the German navy for the sinking of H.M.S. Hood.

Yesterday came an announcement of awards to officers and men of the Fleet Air Arm who crippled the Nazi battleship, enabling the Royal Navy to send the German ship to the bottom.

The awards include three D.S.O.'s, D.S.M.'s and three mentioned in despatches.

Shared by aircraft of Ark Royal and Victorious and by H.M.S. Sparrowhawk and one naval air station, the honours are made for "gallantry, daring and skill in operations in which the German battleship Bismarck was destroyed."—Reuter.

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HOUR'S INTERVIEW WITH POPE

Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal envoy to the Holy See, who arrived in Rome last week bearing a message from President Roosevelt to the Pope, had an hour's interview with the [illegible] yesterday according to a Vatican City despatch to Vichy quoted by Reuter.

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MR. CHURCHILL AT PLACE

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Churchill lunched with the King and Queen yesterday. Mr. Anthony Eden had an audience of the Kind later. — British Wireless.

HEAVY AIR RAID ON CAIRO

Thirty-nine were killed and 33 injured when the Cairo area was raided early yesterday morning, it is officially reported in Cairo, according to a brief Reuter message.

Present Of A Gorilla

President Roosevelt has accepted, "in the fine spirit in which it was offered," the gift of an enormous gorilla from the Free French authorities in French Equatorial Africa as a symbol of the ferocity of their fight against Nazism.

General de Larminat, offering the gorilla, which is en route to the United States, wrote: "We are not the largest but, we bope, the most ferocious group of fighting men engaged in the struggle taking place to-day."

The gorilla is described as the largest "and we believe the most ferocious gorilla" ever sent from Afrjca.—Reuter.

FIGHTING WILL BE GRIMMER

Announcement of the composition of the delegation to Moscow has given great satisfaction in London and comment in the press generally is appreciative of the fact that the Moscow Conference will not now be much further delayed.

Stress is laid on the tactics on the fighting which is progressing in Russia.

"The Times" says the fighting will become even grimmer during the next few weeks as the struggle for the three threatened cities — Leningrad, Kiev and Odessa — reaches the climax.

"Now it is likely that tension will be greatly relaxed with the coming of winter if the defenders can stand their ground till then. Operations may well slow down and the Germans, especially if they will have to camp in open country, may suffer even more than at present.

"But of the many forms of military activity frost is more favourable than mud and it is not to be expected that the Germans have failed to prepare for a winter campaign with their usual thoroughness.

Moral Effect

"Fighting will still go on though perhaps at a slower pace. For us the lesson is plain—get to the Russian front all help we can send as quickly as we can."

"The Times," although not denying that the Germans have had substantial successes, adds that the capture of the three Russian cities is ardently desired by the Germans for moral effect, which is needed to wipe out the impression caused in Germany itself, as well as upon the outside world by the disappointingly slow progress of the campaign.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" —most frankly speaking German newspaper—says: "The coming weeks will most probably be the hardest of all and will demand from Germany the endurance of the greatest hardships. This cannot be helped as the experience of the last few weeks proves we must fight Russia to the death.

"Germany has no other choice than between life and death — complete victory or total collapse. Our defeat in Russia would not mean the mere loss of some provinces or districts but the death of millions of German women and children and slavery for all that remained."—British Wireless.

VIOLENT RUSSIAN COUNTER-ATTACKS SUCCESSFUL

RUSSIAN ARTILLERY played a valuable part in the river battle in which the Germans were ejected from islands which they planned to use as a jumping off ground for further attacks in the direction of Leningrad.

Apart from the use of boats and pontoons some members of the Russian storming party swam the river while others jumped from rock to rock.

The advance was covered by an artillery barrage. As the storming party reached the islands the artillery barrage lifted and was transferred to the further bank, preventing the arrival of German reinforcements.

The official Russian news agency, giving these details, adds that mine-throwers also figured prominently in this river battle.

OTHER REPORTS FROM THE NORTH-WESTERN FRONT YESTERDAY, THE AGENCY ADDS, STATED THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE RECAPTURED THE TOWNSHIP OF SLAUTINO AFTER CUTTING OFF THE RETREAT OF A LARGE GERMAN FORCE.

Here the Germans lost one and a half battalions before they fled. They were taken in the rear and had to run the gauntlet of rifle and machine-gun fire.

Division Wiped Out

In still another action in the Leningrad area, the agency states, the German 30th Infantry Division was "completely annihilated." The Russians here captured 250 prisoners, 100 lorries, a battery of anti-tank guns and much other booty.

These successes followed a series of counter-attacks against the German forces which had broken into the Russian positions. These forces, it was stated, were finally compelled to retreat.

The newspaper "Red Star," describing still another battle in the Leningrad area, says: "The Germans were staggered by an unexpected tank attack."

Surprise Attack

From a fortified height overlooking the railway and road the Germans, says the papery had planned to drive the Russians into a "mud trap" in low lying land where incessant rain had turned the ground into a swamp.

Before the attack could develop the Russians cut special lanes through the neighbouring wood enabling tanks to deliver a surprise attack.

The Germans were driven off the heights and into the very "mud trap" they had planned for the Russians.

FLOUNDERING IN THE SWAMP THEY BECAME A TARGET FOR RUSSIAN ARTILLERY AND MINE-THROWERS AND WERE ROUTED, LEAVING 400 OFFICERS AND MEN DEAD ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

Two German dumps, with guns, tanks, machine-guns and valuable operational documents, fell into Russian hands.—Reuter.

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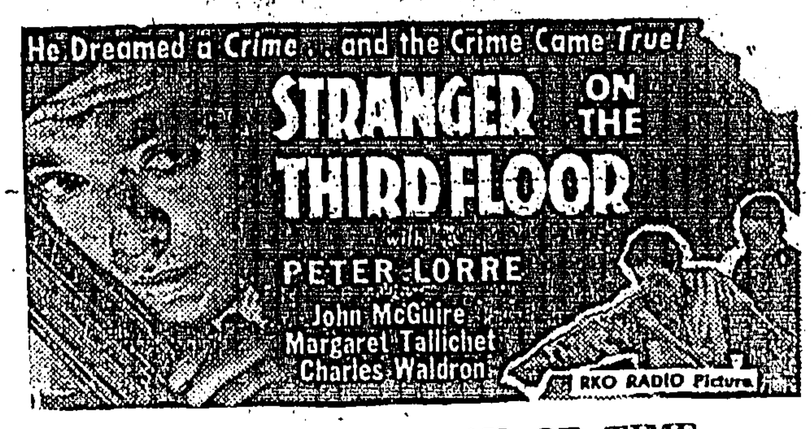

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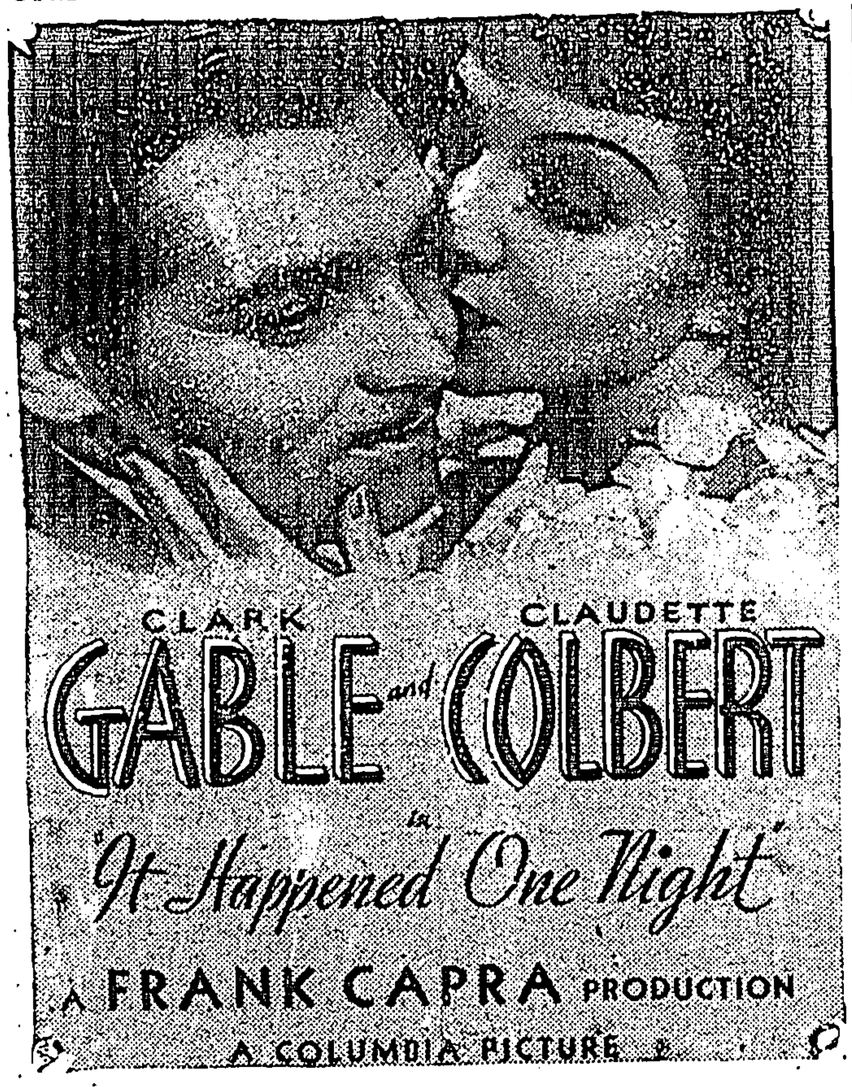

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HITLER WILL BLOW HIMSELF UP, ACCORDING TO HOOVER

THE VIEW THAT HITLER will collapse as a result of his own over-reaching and that the United States should become the bulwark of freedom at home was expressed by Mr. Herbert Hoover, ex-President of the United States, in a radio address to the American nation yesterday.

"The President's policy of sending our warships into danger zones and sending American merchant ships with contraband are steps to war not approved by Congress and not in accord with the spirit of representative government," he added.

Contending that neither isolation nor intervention were wise or possible for America, Mr. Hoover asserted that the U.S. should follow the constructive policy of building an impregnable defence and the bulwark of freedom at home and reserve its strength to help in reconstruction and stabilising peace "when Hitler collapses as the result of his own over-reaching."

England, he declared, could prevent invasion "if we give her the tools and even warships without sending our boys to death either in ships or on land. "Hitler is on the way to be crushed by victorious forces within his own regime."

"Example"

Mr. Hoover said that the way to spread the ideals of the western world was by the example of "our own country, as it has been proved by bitter experience that it is futile for us to impose freedom and justice upon the world by war."—Reuter.

HOOD CASUALTY LIST

When an enemy shell exploded in the magazine and sank the 42,000-tons British battle-cruiser Hood in the battle of May 24 with the German battleship Bismarck—which survived only three days before British warships sent her to the bottom—1,418 men of Hood became casualties, "all missing presumed killed."

Their names occupied 43 pages of an Admiralty casualty list issued in London yesterday consisting of 94 officers, 1,162 ratings, 161 Royal Marines, four Australian naval ratings and seven members of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute.

Four Polish midshipmen and 90 British boys (ratings and Marines) figure in the list.

Officers lost include the noted gunnery expert Vice-Admiral Lancelot Ernest Holland, aged 53, who has been described as one of the most outstanding officers of his generation, and Captain Ralph Kerr, who commanded Hood.

The three survivors picked up included a midshipman aged 17 who was making his first voyage. —Reuter.

KING PETER'S AIR FORCE

Eighteen-year-old King Peter of Yugoslavia told a correspondent that he is going to form a free Yugoslav air force, in which he will fly himself as a navigator.

We talked in the chintz-curtained room of a cottage in this country district 50 miles from London. The King's mother, Queen Marie, sat beside him. She joined in the conversation, calling him "son" when she addressed him.

King Peter, who wore naval uniform, is an unaffected youngster with catching schoolboy enthusiasm. He chatted freely on any subject I cared to raise.

"The first thing I am going to do after I have had a short rest," he said, "is to marshal the free Yugoslav forces throughout the world, particularly in America. I want above all to form a free Yugoslav air force of American machines.

"There are 300 young Slav pilots ready now to fight in the air to regain their country's freedom. With volunteers from America I hope this number will be quadrupled in a very short time.

"I am a trained navigator myself, and I shall certainly fly with the force when it is ready for action. In the meantime I want to get my wings—I hope with the R.A.F. They are the best trained air force in the world."

"The very finest," his mother underlined.

When I asked King Peter what type of machine he wanted to pilot, he replied enthusiastically: "Oh, a big ship—in a bomber. I like to have other people with me. Reconnaissance work in a fighter must be a terribly lonely job."

King Peter hoped also to form a free Yugoslav army and navy.

"Nazi Will Regret Russia"

I asked King Peter what he thought of the German invasion of Russia. "They will do themselves a lot of harm" he said with sudden gravity. "The Nazis have taken on a bigger job than they realise, and they will be regretting it very shortly.

"While they become more and more involved in that vast country we will be able to batter Germany from behind ruthlessly and continuously and more heavily every day.

"If it were not for the suffering which some civilians will have to undergo I would say that the invasion of Russia is a good thing. It will shorten the war considerably."

After we had discussed the war and his hopes for the future, King Peter told me of the lighter side of his problems.

"I am waiting for my ration book to be delivered," he said, "so that I can buy some clothes. I was able to bring very few clothes with me and I shall be glad to see my margarine coupons when they arrive."

Queen Marie paid a graceful tribute to the people of this country and the way they have stood up to bombing. "They have been wonderful," she said. "The spirit of London is quite unchanged."

King Peter and his mother are living a simple life in a small cottage just big enough for their needs. I was taken in to see them immediately I arrived without a trace of ceremony.

SYRIAN REPUBLIC RESTORED

General Catroux, C.-in-C. of the Free French forces in the Levant, acting in the name of the Allies, has restored the Syrian Republic, vesting it with authority.

This is in accordance with the promise made by the Allies when the British and Free French forces entered Syria to stop German activities there. — Reuter.

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By BUD FISHER

TIN HAT BALL

ONE OF THE MAIN FEATURES AT THE TIN HAT BALL WHICH IS TO BE HELD AT THE PENINSULA HOTEL ON OCTOBER 3, IN AID OF HONG KONG'S BOMBER FUND, WILL BE AN ENTIRELY NEW CABARET BY CAROL BATEMAN, ASSISTED BY GELSTON GILMOUR. SEVERAL NEW DANCE NUMBERS ARE NOW BEING REHEARSED BY LEADING MEMBERS OF THE COLONY'S FAIR SEX, AND THE FACT THAT CAROL IS, WITH HER USUAL ABILITY AND ORIGINALITY, UNDERTAKING THE PRODUCTION, GIVES EVERY PROMISE THAT THE SHOW WILL BE A VERY PLEASING ONE.

Dresses are being specially designed, and a local gentleman has kindly come forward and offered to defray the cost of the Cabaret wardrobe.

Other attractions and novelties are also being prepared, but as these are as yet in the hush-hush stage, the public are advised to watch for further announcements.

Those who are planning parties are specially requested to reserve their tables as soon as possible. A large attendance is already assured, and both the promoters and the management of the hotel hope that the usual last minute rush will be avoided so that all table arrangements can be made well in advance.

New Awards For Courageous Needs

Reports of courageous deeds by British and Indian officers and men in the fighting in the Western Desert are made in the following announcements of immediate awards by the Commander-in-Chief, Middle East.

Military Cross: Lieut. N. B. Thomas, King George V Own Bengal Sappers and Miners; Lieut. A. G. Cameron, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

Military Medal: Private M. Moon, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders; L/Sgt. R. Davidson Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

Indian Distinguished Service Medal: Subadar Feroz Khan, 6th Rajputana Rifles; Hav. Bhima Ram I.O.M., 6th Rajputana Rifles Hav. Sardara Ram, 6th Rajputana Rifles; Sepoy Babu Desai, 5th Mahratta Light Infantry; L/Naik Dharman, Indian Signal Corps.

These awards are all given in connection with the fighting in the Sollum — Halfaya — Capuzzo Triangle during June. Accompanied by tanks the Rajputana Rifles and Mahrattas advanced across the coastal plain in an attack on Halfaya Pass, which was strongly held by the Germans.

Took Command

Sepoy Babu Desai, who comes from Morwane Village near Ratnagiri, was in charge of a Brengun when his section commander was wounded. He took command, silenced an enemy gun and, although wounded, led his section onwards. Any movement in the gullies drew intense fire.

L/Naik Dharman throughout the three days battle was in charge of a cable laying party and he showed a complete disregard for his own safety in laying cable by hand under artillery, mortar and small arms fire. His village is Sarakalpatti, near Katpadi in North Arcot District.

The enemy brought up large reinforcements from Tobruk, and, having accomplished their object, our forces were withdrawn. The Rajputana Rifles had a very difficult time during the withdrawal, being attacked from the front, flank and later from the rear by tanks and motorised infantry. Subadar Feroz Khan, who was in charge of a 3-inch mortar platoon, immediately appreciated the serious threat to the battalion, and directed accurate mortar fire on to the enemy from an exposed position swept by machine-gun fire.

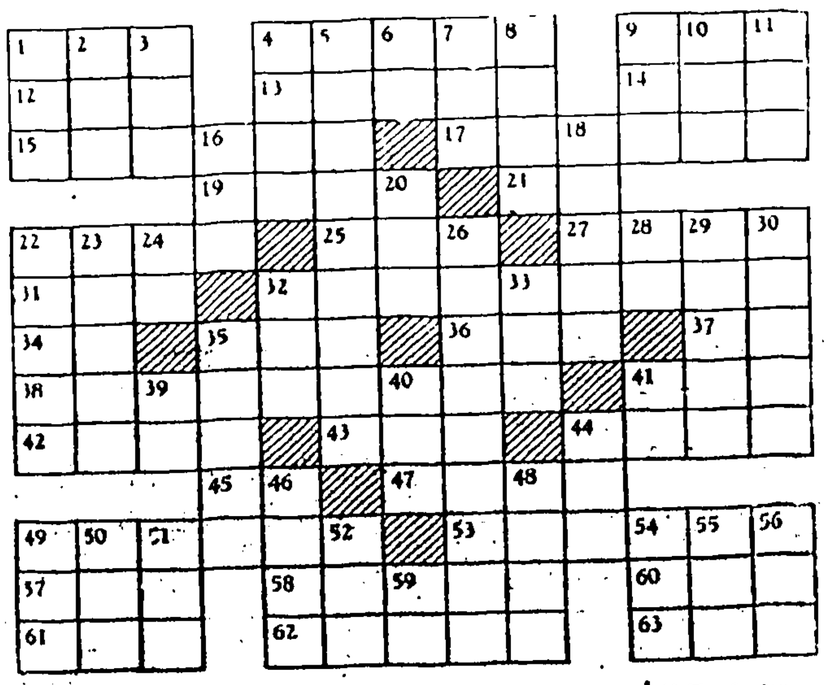
Resolute Action

There is no doubt that his coolness and resolute action enabled the withdrawal to be made in good order in spite of determined efforts to cut the battalion off. Subadar Feroz Khan comes from Jaitpura village in Gujerat district.

Havildar Sardara Ram, who is from Jaitpura village in Bikaner State, was in charge of one of the mortar teams concerned in this action and worked with the greatest gallantry under orders of his Subadar. He afterwards with the greatest deliberation brought his team out of action complete in all respects.

Meanwhile, rifle companies were coming back. Havildar Bhima Ram, who had been awarded the I.O.M. for great gallantry and leadership, although wounded during the first battle of Keren, and who comes from Guhha village in Hissar District, was severely wounded during the attack on the previous day. He refused to be evacuated and continued to lead his platoon although wounded again. When ordered back he insisted on helping to get away other men, some of whom were less severely wounded than himself.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL
1 To make lace
4 Donated
9 Philippine Island: savage
12 Trouble
13 Feeble-minded
14 Humour
15 Grotesque insect
17 Club
19 Small particle
21 Note of scale
22 Flat-bottomed boat
25 Stomach
27 Sea in Russian Turkestan
31 To fall behind
32 To increase
34 Preposition
35 Hawaiian dish
36 Buddhist pillar
37 Symbol for iridium
38 By name
41 Crude metal
42 Part of a ship
43 Male swan
44 War god
45 Bone
47 Useless plant
49 Counsellor
53 Blue dye
57 Period of time
58 Intended
60 To clip
61 Moist
62 Proverb
63 Woodland deity

VERTICAL
1 Scotch cap
2 Girl's name
3 Weight
4 Rate of movement
5 Colloquial: one who has difficulty in sleeping
6 Six
7 Shade tree
8 To approach
9 Boring tool
10 To fasten
11 Siamese coin
16 Marble
18 Slightest
20 Carpet
22 To move furtively
23 Indian's boat
24 King of Bashan
26 Health
28 Japanese measure
29 Burning
30 Stringed instruments
32 Electrified particle
33 Negative vote
35 Guide
39 Pronoun
40 Base
41 Conjunction
44 To append
46 Body of an organism
48 Heraldic device
49 To cry like a cat
50 Before
51 Burmese demon
52 Scarlet
54 Demon
55 Gazelle
56 To possess
59 Cooled lava

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LORD HALIFAX ON AMERICA'S DECISION

THE PRESENT CRISIS is proving just how immense the industrial capacity of America is, and at the end of the day this is going to be decisive, declared Lord Halifax, British Ambassador in Washington, in an interview broadcast last night.

In the course of the interview, Lord Halifax gave a glowing account of American aid as he had seen it during 20,000 miles of travelling from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast, from Georgia to New England, to the Middle West.

Describing his visit to the Pacific Coast, Lord Halifax said. "I spoke to the workers in their dinner hour in every shipyard and women who are actually doing the job, and it was fascinating to see America's great industrial machine getting geared up for war production.

"In California, I saw a great shipyard where six months before there was only a vast mud flat. A 10,000-ton cargo ship had already been launched from that yard. From then, to the middle of August, a new ship was to be launched every three weeks until the contract was completed.

The Mainspring

"Night and day the hammers clang without ceasing up and down the two great seaboards, the rivets are being driven home, and the ships are moving down the ways.

"Remember that the mainspring of this is America's own self-defence. But at the same time every man or woman at this vital war production realises that he or she is helping to keep us fed, our factories supplied with materials and weapons placed in our hands for use against the common enemy."

It was the same story in the aircraft industry, said Lord Halifax. Vast factories seemed to spring up from the very ground, production lines were busy night and day turning out fighters and bombers.

"Wherever I went, I found the management and workers alike resolved to do anything they could to help. They are eager to set up new production records."

At Any Moment

Lord Halifax expressed the conviction that American aid will grow week by week because "all the time more of her people are realising how closely this fight affects their lives and all the things which makes life worth living for them. At any moment they may have to make further vital decisions.

IT IS NOT FOR US TO ADVISE THEM WHAT THEY SHOULD DO ABOUT THAT — THEY MUST DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES, BUT WE MUST GO ON SAYING WHAT WE KNOW TO BE TRUE, THAT THE MORE QUICKLY THEY MAKE THEIR FULL WEIGHT FELT, THE SOONER WILL HITLER BE DESTROYED."

Asked as to the relations between America and Britain after the war, Lord Halifax said: "I should have little hope for the future of the world unless I felt that the United States and British Commonwealth would be able to establish, on a permanent foundation, the present friendship and understanding.

The Old Conceptions

"Our relations must be governed by that friendship. If we can really work together, each contributing under God our own special gifts, we can restore the old conceptions of courage, honesty and freedom that the world has honoured for thousands of years.

We can create now conditions of justice and goodwill.

If we do that we shall each have been worthy of our past, and we shall deserve the happier and cleaner world which we all hope to see." — Reuter.

200 PLANES IN RAID ON GERMANY

Over 200 aircraft of the Bomber Command were engaged in Monday night's operations over Germany and occupied territory.

An Air Ministry communique states: "Shipyards, factories and railways at Hamburg were attacked for some hours by powerful forces of aircraft of the Bomber Command. Many large fires were started.

"Other German ports, including Bremen, Cuxhaven and Wilhelmshaven, were also bombed.

"Docks at Havre were heavily attacked by another force of bombers.

"Aircraft of the Fighter Command during the night continued the attacks on enemy aerodromes in occupied territory.

"From operations nine aircraft of the Bomber Command are missing." — British Wireless.

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BRITAIN DEVISES NEW RAID SHELTER

Before winter comes, Britain's 100,000 surface shelters, also those under construction will be strong enough to withstand the blast of a heavy bomb bursting 15ft. away.

The Home Office has devised a new method of construction, which will give shelters such elasticity that they will not collapse. They can be blown bodily three or four feet in the air without seriously hurting the occupants.

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GOVERNOR AND ANTI-T.B. ASSOCIATION

The "China Mail" learns that His Excellency Sir Mark Young, K.C.M.G., has shown his interest in the anti-tuberculosis campaign being waged in Hong Kong by honouring the Association with with his patronage.

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NO MINES FOUND IN "INNER" HARBOUR

It was learned this morning that no mines have been discovered within the inner limits of the harbour and it seems probable, according to authoritative sources, that the original report was not true. It is thought that in the bad light prevailing other objects in the water were mistaken for mines.

WAR POLICE MAY RUN UNION

War reserve policemen and special constables in England are to ballot on the question of an association that will enable them to make collective representations for better conditions, and discuss complaints and suggestions.

So far the auxiliary police have not been allowed to join the Police Federation.

Nazi Terror In Oslo

During the last few days the Nazi terror police have made 1,000 arrests in Oslo. Excuse for this action is that a general strike was on the point of breaking.

Lest this should not be believed the Nazis have put out an alternative explanation—that a strike had actually broken out in one of Oslo's largest factories where workmen complained they were deprived of milk rations.

The second excuse is the more likely inasmuch as some 10,000 gallons of Norwegian milk are taken daily from Norway to be sent to German troops as sustenance in the Nazi attack on Soviet Russia.

This robbery in all probability results in there being insufficient milk for the women and children of Oslo workers.

Nazi brutality towards Norwegian workers has been unhesitatingly condemned by the Congress of Swedish Trade Unions which, in a resolution adopted at the Congress, stated that Norwegian Trade Unionists "have fallen in the battle for Norway's freedom and for the right of the Norwegian working class to decide for themselves their own actions within the limits of Norwegian law. We honour their memory which is a fresh link between the northern peoples."—British Wireless.

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WESTERN DESERT INSPECTION

Indian troops in the Western Desert were inspected yesterday by the Maharajah of Bahawalpore.

Previously the Maharajah was received by King Farouk. He was accompanied to the Palace and introduced to the King by the British Ambassador, Sir Miles Lampson. — Reuter.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE COUNCIL MEETING

It was announced in Bombay yesterday, according to Reuter, that the National Defence Council will be meeting for the first time on October 6, 7 and 8 and the Viceroy will preside.

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MESSERSCHMITT SHOT DOWN

An R.A.F. fighter shot down an ME109 off the French coast yesterday morning. — British Wireless.

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CAN JAPAN STOP?

Japanese spokesmen persist in their hope that the freezing of Japanese assets and of Allied assets in Japan is not going to mean cessation of all trade. They know as well as we do, particularly from the very frank warnings that come from various quarters, that if Japan's armed forces cross the Siamese border or if there is any hostile gesture against the Dutch East Indies there will be war in the Far East and all Allied relations with Japan will end. If their hopes are sincerely expressed, as we believe they are, they must also be hoping, therefore, that some force in Japan will check the army and navy in mid-career and give pledges of respect for the status quo.

We have no doubt that such forces are at work and may even be getting a thoughtful hearing, because there have been no trumped-up demonstrations of resentment and defiance in Japan since the press made its first angry comment on the freezing orders. We hope they are carrying weight; but the fear remains that the Japanese armed forces cannot now be halted by anything in Japan short of revolution, of which there is no present indication.

Finance Minister Ogura's statement to the effect that Japan's answer must be to get ahead with the establishment of the co-prosperity sphere in greater East Asia sounds much like a warning to those commercial interests which may be pleading with the government to hasten slowly, that there is now no turning back. It is easy enough to see how the military can persuade themselves and argue in Tokyo that there can be no turning back and should be no halt. Their stocks of all essential supplies are low, and even if the British and Americans might licence some traffic in unessentials if Japan stopped in her tracks for a time there is no reason to believe that they would supply such commodities as oil and metal as fast as the war in China alone consumes the reserves. It may seem to the Japanese military that their only course is to make a dash for the sources of supply about the South China Sea, which will make Japan self-sufficient.

The alternative to this is rapid loss of striking power to the point of immobility not more than a year hence and then easy reduction to the status of a third-class power. What worse fate, the army men may reason, could come from defeat in battle? There is no time to waste on the negotiation of little favours. With every day lost Japan will be weaker and the defences that she must storm will be stronger.

From Japan first, and later from Berlin and Paris, have come suggestions that Siam fears the hostile machinations of Great Britain, China and the United States. This, of course, paves the way for a Japanese announcement that what Thailand needs and either craves or ought to crave, is a benevolent Japanese occupation. This would, of course, mean war, whether the Siamese resisted or not; but war in the East is what Germany wants, and the Japanese militarists may well prefer to have war now than very much later.

Planning For Eternity

By Dr. A. D. Lindsay

When people begin to talk about planning, I think of the last time I saw Robert Bridges. We had both been listening to a broadcast by an eminent scientist. He had tried to make our flesh creep with the prospect that in a comparatively short time—say, in about ten thousand years—man might cease to dominate the earth and be replaced by another race of animals, say ants. He had ended by an exhortation to us all to rule our actions in the light of this alarming possibility and so to act now that ten thousand years hence man would still be dominant. We both agreed that the eminent scientist had been talking nonsense because we agreed there is some sense in planning for a week, a month, or sometimes even a few years ahead; much sense always in planning for eternity and no sense whatever in planning ahead for ten thousand years.

In this age when men talk so much of planning, I think that is worth bearing in mind. Nations have had four-year plans, five-year plans even ten-year plans. They will soon be trying to break records in the length of their planning periods. Ten thousand years, of course, is planning ahead with a vengeance, and is agreed to be silly. But when does planning become silly because it looks too far ahead? Are not long views supposed to be especially wise? When do they become so long that they become foolish?

Why it is silly to plan for ten thousand years ahead is that we have no power of controlling what is ten thousand years ahead, and reasonable planning clearly must bear some relation to power of control. But how little power of control we often have over much nearer events! There are ways of increasing control over events and increasing consequently the range of planning. Dictators can make far-reaching plans more easily than others because they have, or think they have, gained undisputed control over millions of men. That planning is done at a price—a price of a huge concentration of power into the hands of one man or of a few, and the submission of all the others to being planned. When men plan in that way, the lust for power which it involves sooner or later destroys them and often their victories too. You remember the parable in the Gospels about planning? "The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: and he thought within himself, saying What shall I do: I will pull down my barns and build greater and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease: eat, drink and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool; this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." That might be called an anti-planning parable, and the next verse in St. Luke seems even more to condemn planning. "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat." But two chapters further on there are two pro-planning parables, the first of which says, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him."

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Worship Of Organisation

It is not planning that is wrong but the spirit in which we plan may be. If we say to ourselves: "We are going to think things out and see that they are done. We are so much cleverer and abler and more thoughtful than anyone else; we must have the power to do it"—we easily go from that to scheming and planning for power and nothing but power. We easily come to think of our fellow human beings as mere atoms to be planned, toy bricks to be built into our beautiful architectural scheme. I often come across clever young men who are entirely taken up with elaborate schemes in which they are going to put everything right and everybody but themselves in his neatly assigned place. Planning and making schemes is such fun that they forget that being planned, being treated by them as a cog or brick to go meekly into the place designed by someone else, is not nearly so pleasant or amusing.

This proud, self-confident, arrogant planning, against which the Gospel parable of the rich man warns us, necessarily leads to disaster. It leads to a scramble for power and thence to war. But there is something more idiotic about it even than that. It leads to a worship of organisation and planning for its own sake. A means becomes an end. You must have noticed that the Nazis and the Fascists are always proclaiming as their fundamental gospel that men and women must sink their personalities in the State, must entirely devote themselves to the State. But if you divorce the State from the personalities of the men and women who compose it, there is nothing in the State left but organisation. All this high-sounding stuff about the individual being nothing and the State everything is just silly nonsense—for it means that plans and organisation are everything and there is nothing to plan for.

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A Nation Must Discover Its Faith

No, if a nation is to plan and to take thought for the future, as it must, it must begin by men and women taking counsel together as to what they really want, what the ends are in their common life for which they care most and which they think most precious. But that means asking themselves what their own fundamental faith is. The anti-planning parable ends, you remember, by saying, "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." A nation cannot, any more than an individual, ask itself what it really wants without discovering its faith: without at least asking itself if it has any faith, if there are some things in its life for which it is prepared to die. But that is not planning. It is the indispensable preliminary to it—at least to what I called at the beginning of this talk "planning with a view to eternity"—considering the eternal values which are worth more than this temporal fortune or that. A healthy or a secure society does not need to trouble to give reasons for the faith that is in it. It takes the faith for granted as it does the air it breathes. But when its faith is attacked, it is bound to ask itself searching questions—to be sure that its way of life is something real and precious. When a man is pulled up like that, when he is roused out of his complacency and his taking of things for granted, he says to himself, "What do I stand for, or what do I really believe?" When he answers that question honestly, the next question he asks himself is, "Why don't I live more as if I did believe that?" Then the best kind of planning can begin.

So with a nation. When we are pulled up, as we are now, with an attack on all we think most precious; when that attack makes us say, "Yes, we do really care about decency, and kindliness and respect of other people's rights, and all that we think really matters in English life: we go on to ask ourselves why do not we behave more as if we did: then we begin to ask, why have we stood by and done so little about unemployment? Why have we suffered the frightful inequalities of our social system? Why have we allowed there to be one law for the rich and another for the poor? Why has it taken a war to make us find out what evacuation has taught us in a few months? There are lots and lots of questions like that which rise in our minds now. We are finding that we have got a faith. Now that it is attacked, we are sure of it. But we have rather forgotten that we had a faith before the attack upon it came. I have been reading a book about Nazism which accounts for the spread of all that dreadful nonsense by saying that the people of Central Europe had no faith in anything. They believed the irrational nonsense Nazism because to have a rational faith had somehow become impossible. I think we have found in this trial that we have a faith left, but we see also how unreal we had allowed it to become, and how little our faith had in any part in our busy contriving.

Such searchings of the heart seem to me the beginning of all fruitful planning, asking ourselves what we really care for; what we really believe; asking ourselves where we have most fallen short of our faith, most failed to live up to what we really care about. Then it will take all our thinking and contriving and organising and planning to see that the sores in our social life are cured; that the things we care about and say we are fighting for become real, not only for a few fortunate people but for every man, woman and child in the country.

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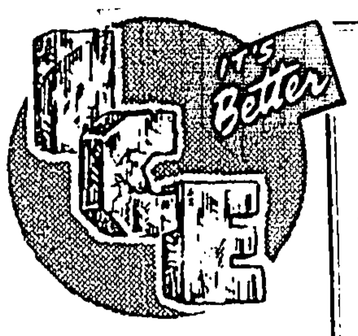

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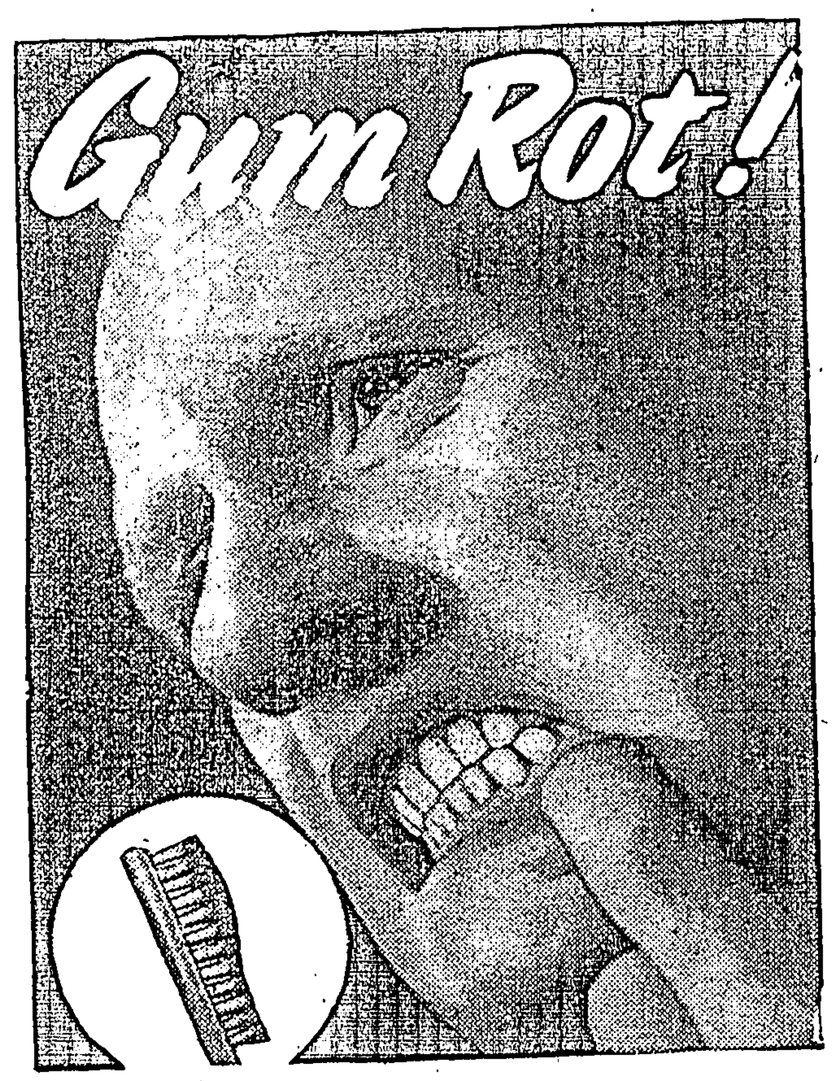

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Police Raid In A.R.P. Inquiry Investigation

MR. W. F. CARMAN, of Messrs. Marsman China, Ltd., was again called at the resumed sitting of the Commission inquiring into matters connected with the A.R.P. Architectural Department, in the Puisne Judge's Court this morning.

Asked by the chairman, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, how many of the tunnels were completed, Mr. Carman stated that all, with the exception of the one at Aberdeen, had been completed, but in answer to a further question by the chairman, stated that "in no particular tunnel have we made a complete test aside from the first experiment."

Before resuming the inquiry in open court, the Commission held a session in camera, in the Puisne Judge's chambers.

First witness at this morning's session was Det Sergt. T. Cashman, who gave formal evidence of having execu ed a search warrant at No 2 O'Brien Road, on September 15.

This officer said that the actual office of Wan Tung Co., was in the cockloft at this address, while the office furniture comprised a desk and two stools.

He made a search of the two drawers in the desk and found four chops, two of which were for the Wan Tung firm, one for the Kwong Wing Co., while he could not make out what the fourth chop represented.

"Accommodation Address"

From his observations, he formed the opinion that the place was not used as an office, but rather as an accommodation address. There were two people there at the time, but they were not connected with the Wan Tung firm, being the principal tenants of the premises.

Chairman: Well, evidence has been given that Wan Tung and Kwong Wing have received $26,000 from Kin Lee. Did you see a safe in the premises?—There was a safe but it belonged to the principal tenant.

Had the principal tenant heard of Wan Tung?—Yes.

Did he say which member of that firm called at the premises?—He said that a woman was the only one who called. Witness had stated earlier that the principal tenant informed him that nobody from Wan Tung had been to the place for two days.

Did you tell the principal tenant what you wanted?—I said I wanted to search the place.

Did he express any surprise?—No, Sir

P.W.D. Approved

Mr. Carman was then recalled and in answer to the chairman said he had brought along with him the information required by the Commission.

In regard to the account with the Office Appliance Co., Mr. Carman said that at the start of the job they had only two calculators in their office, but later on it was found necessary to have another. The matter was taken up with the P.W.D. who approved of it.

Continuing, Mr. Carman said that with reference to Leigh and Orange, he stated at a previous hearing that this firm of architects were called in by Marsman's on behalf of P.W.D. Actually, however, that was incorrect.

The fact was that Messrs. Leigh and Orange notified P.W.D. of damage done to the godown of one of their clients, Mr. Carman added, and went on to say that on October 23, P.W.D. wrote to Leigh and Orange in regard to the damage, and agreed on $40 compensation.

Chairman: Why was it necessary to submit that account to you?—I presume that all the cost of the tunnelling job was paid by us, I don't know. . . .

CAPTAIN WHO CAPTURED A GOVERNOR

The A.I.F. captain who, with a corporal and a private, captured the Governor of Tobruk, 30 colonels, two naval attaches, and 600 other Italians, during the British advanced across Libya is now a prisoner of war, says the "Sydney Sun."

He is Captain John Snowden Copland, 37, married, with one child, of Manly.

His father, Mr. John Copland, of College Street, Drummonyne, said that his son, armed only with a service pistol, entered a cave at Tobruk, where the Italians were hiding, and ordered them to surrender.

Official news that his son is now a prisoner, breaks a three months' silence, added Mr. Copland.

After Libya, he was reported missing in Greece in April.

At the time of enlistment, Captain Copland was accountant to the Producers' Co-op. Distributing Society, Ltd., Leeton. He was previously assistant-accountant to the Federal Capital Commission at Canberra.

Educated at Sydney High School, he joined the militia at 18, and held a commission for several years. He sailed with the first contingent.

GIRLS' WORK IN RADIOLOCATION

Two hundred picked A.T.S. girls in camp have begun their secret training in radiolocation applied to anti-aircraft gunnery. I have just seen various phases of their instruction, and was permitted a glimpse of the marvellous apparatus that will help to shoot down Nazi night bombers.

The light-hearted enthusiasm with which these girls, whose ages range from 18 to 20, were tackling arduous and complicated studies was a surprise. At an open-air class they were learning of radio's higher mysteries—of pantode valves, potentiometers and grids.

Most of them had had secondary school education, and before joining the A.T.S. were in various occupations. There were shop assistants, waitresses, a speciality dancer, a dance hostess, a hairdresser and an insurance clerk.

Now they are studying electricity and magnetism, mathematics, radio technology and circuit diagrams from eight in the morning till seven or eight at night.

At question time in class there is an informal atmosphere very unlike school. But afterwards the girls all march off in disciplined.

TYPHOON

POLICE OFFICERS INJURED

Reports continue to trickle in to police stations of incidents during yesterday's typhoon, and it is now learned that three police officers, two of whom were Europeans, were injured, though not seriously, and that a Portuguese vessel went ashore on Ching I Island.

The European policemen were Sub-Inspector Kellett, of Gough Hill Police Station, and Inspector E. G. Post, of Kowloon City Police Station.

Sub-Inspector Kellett while on patrol yesterday morning was blown over by the force of the wind and taken to hospital with leg injuries. He was not detained.

Inspector E. G. Post was on patrol near Kowloon City Police station with Indian Constable 413, both men being blown over with leg injuries. They are still in Kowloon Hospital.

Police Launch Damaged

Two police launches, No. 9 and 8, were badly damaged while at anchor in the Yaumati shelter. Cabin doors and windows were smashed and a searchlight on No 8 launch was lost overboard.

A Portuguese motor lighter ran aground near Ching I Island, where it was found by No. 3 police launch. All the crew are safe.

The coxswain of a Yaumati ferry boat reports that he sighted two men drifting in the sea at 9 o'clock last night. Owing to the heavy sea no attempt at rescue could be made.

A junk which sank in the typhoon yesterday about 500 yards off the Socony-Vacuum installation at Laichikok is a danger to navigation and mariners are warned to give the area a wide berth.

BRIGADIER POTTS THANKED

King Haakon of Norway recently received Brigadier A. E. Potts, who was in command of the Spitzbergen raid, and extended most cordial thanks for the part played by the Canadian troops.—British Wireless.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service was held yesterday for Sir Hugh Stephenson, late adviser to the Secretary for Burma and an ex-Governor of Burma. — British Wireless.

NAZI AIRMAN TELLS HOW IT FEELS TO RAID BRITAIN ---AND BE SHOT DOWN

"I ALWAYS KNEW there were no laurels to be won in England — few of the flying personnel escape, they either get shot down or taken prisoner."

This admission was made by the wireless operator of a German night bomber who landed by parachute after his 'plane was shot down recently.

After abandoning his machine the operator slept under a tree, and gave himself up to the police in the morning.

"Before we started on this trip I had a presentiment that it would be unlucky," he said.

"Our pilot was very nervous. He said the whole flight was a farce.

"From the start everything went wrong.

"We were flying at about 19,000 ft. when I saw a shadow behind us. I took another look and saw that it was still behind us, and about 650 yds. away. Switching on the intercommunication, I shouted Night-fighter astern and to starboard.

There Was A Bang

"The moon was as bright as day, and the night fighter came closer and closer.

"It only gave us a few seconds. Then there was a bang and crash in the aircraft and bits flew all over the place.

"The mechanic shouted: 'I'm bleeding to death,' or something like that, but I had no time to help him—things moved too fast.

"I looked for the night fighter and saw him banking away. I swung the machine-gun round and sent a burst after him. Then the Lieutenant said: 'Don't fire,' and I saw flames coming from beneath the port engine.

"At that I hurried. As soon as the burst hit our aircraft the pilot had put the nose down, and probably got rid of the bombs. Then he simply roared down so that I had no idea how high we were.

New 'Plane

"On that evening we had taken over a brand new aircraft with new parachutes, and mine did not fit. But I struggled into it, opened the lower escape hatch, and jumped."

The British pilot who shot down this Heinkel was a flight lieutenant in a night-fighter squadron which had already destroyed over 50 raiders.

Describing the combat, he said that when he first saw the Heinkel it was flying so slowly that he had great difficulty in keeping it within view.

The German pilot continually weaved from side to side and alternately climbed and dived so that the British flier had a long chase before he could get into position to attack. Immediately he opened fire he saw an explosion in the fuselage of the German aircraft.

He was getting into position for a second attack when the raider burst into flames and went down to crash on land.

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PARTING SHOTS

HOW THE PARTING SHOTS OF A DAMAGED HEINKEL WOUNDED THE CREW OF A BRITISH BLENHEIM IS TOLD BY THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

The Blenheim, on patrol off the Norwegian coast, had sighted the Heinkel and attacked it, getting in a heavy burst.

The Nazi machine made for the clouds with only one gun firing but six of the bullets entered the Blenheim, wounding all three members of the crew.

Hero of the event was the wounded gunner who had reached over the unconscious observer and endeavoured to send out signals to base, persisting in each attempt until he collapsed time and time again.

The Blenheim was found by searching aircraft and guided to a base in the Shetlands where the crew found refuge in hospital.—British Wireless.

ATROCITIES IN SOVIET VILLAGE

A terrible tale of German atrocities in a Russion village designated by the letter "V" recaptured by Soviet troops is told in a message to the Tass news agency from the theatre of war.

Five wounded Red Army men, it says, were brought to the village. The Nazis herded the whole population on to the square, where they cut off the arms, ears and noses of the wounded men and then bayonetted them.

When the Soviet troops recaptured the village they released the arrested Soviet citizens who had been threatened with death. Villagers told how, when the Germans occupied the village, the Nazis at once began plundering food, utensils, crockery and clothes.

In the first few days the Nazis arrested more than 100 persons, 13 of whom they brutally killed. An old man they buried alive. Anybody who gave food or shelter to the victims of Nazis brutality was liable to the death penalty.

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WORTHY OF THE FATHER

Mr. Lyttelton, President of the Board of Trade, speaking at a lunch given in London by the British Chamber of Commerce in Belgium to the Belgian Government, said: "I should like to record our admiration of King Leopold's steadfast refusal to work with Germany and the example, worthy of his father, which he has set."

Mr. Lyttelton added that the war had brought the three greatest colonial empires in the world into an alliance — the Belgian, Dutch and British. The great resources of the Belgian Congo had been directed towards the common effort. Those services would not be forgotten.

M. Pierlot, the Belgian Prime Minister, struck a warning note about the condition of his country.

Referring to the food shortage in Belgium, he said:

"I know to defeat the German power nothing is too much. I know that the rigours of the blockade are necessary. But let me add that we hope there will be a way of avoiding the worst."

AGED 101, LEFT 108 DESCENDANTS

An Australian woman who died in a Randwick hospital on July 2, at the age of 101 left 108 direct descendants. She was Mrs. Maria La Greca, a native of Messina, Italy. Mrs. La Greca came to Australia in 1900, and for many years lived at Balmain. She had 11 children, 30 grandchildren, 64 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

CLUB FOR INDIAN TROOPS

The "Keren Institute" has been opened at a camp occupied by Indian troops in Negri Sembilan. This institute is a recreation room fitted with wireless set, gramophone, games of various kinds, notepaper, etc., by the Negri Sembilan Indian Troops Entertainment Fund.

The fund was started by Dr. R. B. Krishnan and a committee of Indian Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims and is entirely run by them for the benefit of units of the Indian Army in the State.

The institute has been given the name "Keren" to commemorate the feats of arms by Indian troops at Keren, in Italian Somaliland, recently.

It was formally opened by the British Resident, Mr. J. V. Cowgill, in the presence of a large gathering of Indian troops and members of the Indian community of Negri Sembilan.

Prominent among the company were representative Chinese who had been invited in recognition of their action in making a spontaneous gift of money, collected among their nationals, to the commanding officer of these Indian troops—a good example of interracial goodwill in furtherance of Britain's — or Malaya's — war cause.

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BANNED PUBLICATIONS IN CHINESE LANGUAGE

A number of what are officially described as "Wang Ching-wei and Communist publications" are among the list of undesirable publications, the importation of which into the Straits Settlements is prohibited.

Printed in Shanghai and Nanking, they are in the Chinese language and include the Central China Daily News, New Eastern Magazine, Bulletin of the Central Press Service, Overseas Affairs Quarterly, and "It is Natural for China and Japan to be Friends But Unnatural otherwise."

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AVOIDING A GUESS

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South avoided a guess on his optimistically bid slam by employing the rare Vienna coup:

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North-South vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 8 4
♡ A K 2
◇ A J 10 6
♣ A K 4 2

WEST
♠ 6 5
♡ J 10 9
◇ K 9 8 4
♣ Q 10 8 5

EAST
♠ A 7 3 2
♡ Q 8 7 5 4
◇ 7 2
♣ 6 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 9
♡ 6 3
◇ Q 5 3
♣ J 9 7

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
3N'T	Pass	4◇	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the Jack of hearts, dummy winning with the King. Dummy returned a low trump, East played low, and South won with the King. Since entries to his hand were few, South immediately led a low diamond, winning a finesse with dummy's ten. Another low trump was returned, East ducked again, and South won with the spade Queen.

It was a little too dangerous to finesse diamonds again before drawing trumps, so South next led the Jack of spades. East took the trump Ace and returned a heart, forcing out dummy's Ace. And at this point South foresaw that he would have a terrific guess later on unless he took preventive measures.

From the fall of the hearts, West apparently had only a three-card holding in the suit; and he had started with only two trumps. Hence West was likely to be long in both minors. If West had started with four or more diamonds, dummy's fourth diamond could not be set up for the vital club discard. But if South blanked dummy's top clubs, the other hope—the establishment of the club Jack—might actually come about without South's being sure about it.

To remove this guess, Declarer cashed dummy's top clubs then and there — the Vienna coup of setting up an adverse winner so as to squeeze the holder more effectively later on. Then he ruffed the third heart and led his last trump. West then found it impossible to hold the club Queen and all his diamonds, so discarded the club Queen. Thereupon South cashed the club Jack and made his slam with another diamond finesse.

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Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 10 7 5
♡ 8
◇ K J 5 2
♣ Q 9 4 3

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maier
1♠	2♡	2♠	3♡
4♠	5♡	(?)	

ANSWER: Pass. You cannot double, and should not bid five spades since your partner may be eager to double five Hearts for penalties.

Score 100% for pass, 60% for double, 40% for five spades.

Question No. 823

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maier
1♠	1♡	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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GAVE LIFE IN RAID RESCUE

The posthumous award of the George Cross to a member of the Home Guard who "showed the highest form of cool courage and self-sacrifice for others" is announced by the War Office.

The Home Guard Section Cmdr. [Sergeant] George Walter Inwood, was called upon by the police to assist in rescue duty during an intense air-raid in Birmingham in October.

Taking charge of a party of six volunteers, he found that several people were imprisoned in a cellar filled with gas. A small hole was made and Section Cmdr. Inwood was lowered into the cavity. He managed to rescue two men, and although nearly exhausted entered the cavity a third time and was overcome by the fumes. He was dragged out by one of his comrades, but it was impossible to revive him.

The George Medal has been awarded to Capt. (temp. Maj.) G. B. Matthews, the Dorsetshire Regt., for his resourcefulness and courage. When four wounded men were left marooned after an explosion in a minefield surrounded by unexploded mines and mutilated bodies, Maj. Matthews placed planks over the barbed wire entanglements enclosing the field and so reached the survivors and assisted them to safety.

Other recipients of the George Medal are:

Driver (I.C.) C. M. Mitchell, Signalman R. H. Tinto, War Subs. Lt. (temp. Capt.) J. Weston, Platoon Cmdr. Thomas Simpson; Home Guard: Lce.-Sgt. R. C. M. Parker.

Awards To Airmen

Two airmen receive the British Empire Medal, military division. They are Sgt. F. R Woolven and A.C.2 Enos Garrett.

Sgt. Woolven and some comrades were travelling by sea when their ship was shelled. They took to a makeshift raft, and after 24 hours they were picked up by a warship.

Aircraftman Garrett saved a woman's life during a heavy air raid.

Other awards announced include:

M.B.E., Military Division.—Sec. Lt. (actg. Lt.) E. E. A. Chetwynd Talbot (previously awarded the George Cross for carrying a time-bomb to safety).

British Empire Medal, Military Division.—Cpl. C. A. Brewer, Sapper W. D. Scott, Lce.-Cpl. C. F. Nourse, Sapper W. Watts, Cpl. W. F. Tannatt, Fusilier R. Gaskell, Fusilier R. Ferguson, Actg. Sgt. F. Armitage, Pte. P. T. Ward; and the following members of the Home Guard; Sec. Ldr. G. Turner, Asst. Sec. Ldr. H. T. Morris, Volunteers E. T. Wiston, E. T. Smith, W. L. Badcock, L. Tidball.

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TO STOP WAR CRIME

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Before the war these squads specialised in inquiries into particular classes of crime. These included the operations of share-pushers, confidence tricksters and similar types of criminals, whose activities have been curtailed by the war.

The bulk of the present-day investigations concern looting, offences against the Defence Regulations, inquiries for the many new Government departments, food thefts and charity racketeers. It is to handle these that the crime squads are being reshuffled.

Increasing numbers of inquiries on behalf of the Services have necessitated the setting up of a special department for this purpose at Scotland Yard. A chief detective-inspector has been appointed liaison officer between the Services and Scotland Yard.

When the mentally sketchy girl-friend's beau tells her he's working on a sliding scale she thinks he's talking about weights and measures.

FALSE TEETH MAY BE SCARCE

THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND IMPORTERS OF TEETH ARE IN DISAGREEMENT ABOUT WHETHER THE COUNTRY IS FACED WITH AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF FALSE TEETH.

The trade wishes the Ministry to advise the Board of Trade to grant import licences for American teeth, which before the war used to come in at the rate of over 15,000,000 a year, as compared with the home-made total of 12,000,000.

A leading importer said that the stoppage of American supplies was making itself felt already, and the position before long would be serious. To this a Ministry of Health official replied that it considered there was no present necessity to grant import licences, as the home manufacture was increasing considerably.

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PICKED UP BOMB TO SAVE TROOPS

AFTER PICKING UP A BOMB WHICH HE FOUND ON GROUND WHERE SOLDIERS WERE DRILLING A CONSTABLE STATIONED AT A NORTH-EAST TOWN WAS KILLED WHEN IT EXPLODED.

The bomb was hidden in a ditch. It was a danger to the soldiers, so the constable picked it up and carried it to a police-box near by. There he intended to inform the authorities. As he reached the box the bomb exploded.

Does Your Baby Sleep Soundly?

Babies need plenty of sleep, when their rest is disturbed through any cause their general health suffers. One of the first signs that something is wrong with an infant is disturbed sleep.

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Bringing Up Father — By George MacManus

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

STUBBORN SKIN BEAUTIFIED

There is a condition of complexion which I call "stubborn." It is neither blemished noticeably nor is it excessively oily. But it appears to be slightly "bumpy" beneath the three layers of skin. In a candid light it looks rough instead of smooth and no amount of creaming seems to benefit it.

Such a skin is a very lazy one. Through no fault of its own it is not being fed sufficiently from the blood stream (through lack of exercise) and it is not getting enough sunshine. To remedy these conditions one must give it external exercise, not through cream massage, but by scrubbing it with a complexion brush and bland soap suds, or by scrubbing it with some coarse grains which are manufactured for the purpose.

The soap treatment may follow a cream cleansing. You take the moistened brush and dip it into soap suds and then scrub your face not too gently. Follow this with a thorough rinsing with warm water and cold splashings.

One uses the coarse grains after a soap and water face washing. You think soap and water should take off all the surface soil, but once you begin to rub your complexion with a palm full of these little grains you will get the surprise of your life. For they extract much deep lying grime and all the surface dead skin. This rolls off as you massage and leaves the skin feeling as soft as a baby's. Such a treatment should be repeated at least three times a week.

Exquisitely tanned by the sun but soft as velvet is Lynn Bari's complexion. She avoids excess of cosmetics.

Of course for permanent correction the victim of a stubborn skin condition should exercise more — exercise sufficiently to create a good perspiration thus forcing the face pores to open up and discharge any grime or body wastes which might be deep-lying.

The daily habit of warm and cold water dousings is also an excellent follow up treatment after using the coarse grains.

Go Easy With Creams

Many skins blossom out with a crop of minor blemishes from the use of too many cosmetics and from applying fresh make-up over tired make-up. Such an unhealthy habit should be corrected at once. One's skin should always be clean before the application of any powder, rouge or lipstick.

During the summer months, once you get some colour in your face from sun bathing, let your skin go free of make-up as much as you can. Give it a chance to benefit by the fresh air and sun and water. Lubricate at night if it is dry, but do not cover it during the day with unnecessary creams and make-up. When winter comes we find it more essential to point up our fading beauty with cream and make-up. Of course tender skin, or fair skin which is easily sun burned, should always be protected by a well chosen lubricant, and one should not sit hours under the direct sun's rays without a complexion protection.

ONE WAY TO REDUCE

You can reduce your measurements without over over-strenuous exercise or drastic dieting.

Get rid of those extra inches by attacking the causes.

Generally these are (a) lack of the right kind of exercise, (b) wrong feeding.

Here are the remedies.

1. Scientific Exercise. — This breaks down the fat cells and tones up the muscles. Do the exercises given in each article night and morning, adding the new ones as they appear.

2. Careful Dieting. — Wrong feeding helps the fat cells to build up layers everywhere, especially over the shoulders and chest, seat and hips.

Perhaps you think that with rationing they won't get much chance, but believe me they take a lot of discouraging. Exercise combined with careful diet is the only sure way to move them.

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ESSENTIAL DIET RULES.

Eat nothing at all between meals.

Drink between meals — not with them, except at breakfast.

At tea time have a cup of tea, but eat nothing.

Eat other meals as usual.

Take wholemeal instead of white bread.

Avoid .... thick gravies, sauces and soups, pastry, sweets and cakes. Remember that one feed of cakes or sweets will undo good work of weeks.

Do not take sugar in tea or coffee.

Do eat green vegetables and fresh salads, watercress, stewed or fresh fruit whenever you can get it.

Remember it is superfluous flesh you need to lose. Don't imagine that you have to make yourself skinny.

Find out the normal weight for your height and age, then aim at reducing 1½lb. to 2lb. a week.

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Exercise 1.—To move fat from the back of the shoulders and upper arms.

Stand with left foot forward, left knee bent, arms sideways, palms upward and fists lightly clenched.

Draw imaginary circles in the air with the fists. The arms should move upwards—a little above shoulder level to begin each circle—and backwards and downwards a little below to finish it.

Make sixteen circles, then drop the arms to the sides and, standing with feet together, raise and lower heels steadily four times.

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Exercise 2. — This reduces the bust and flattens the tummy.

Lie on the floor with knees bent. Swing left arm forward and up, swing it down, repeat with right arm.

Swing both arms forward and up, stretching them up and back as far as possible, swing arms down. Keep the knees bent and mark time lightly with toes, with light stamps with the whole foot.

Repeat whole exercise.

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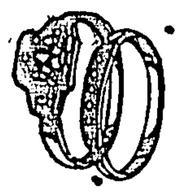

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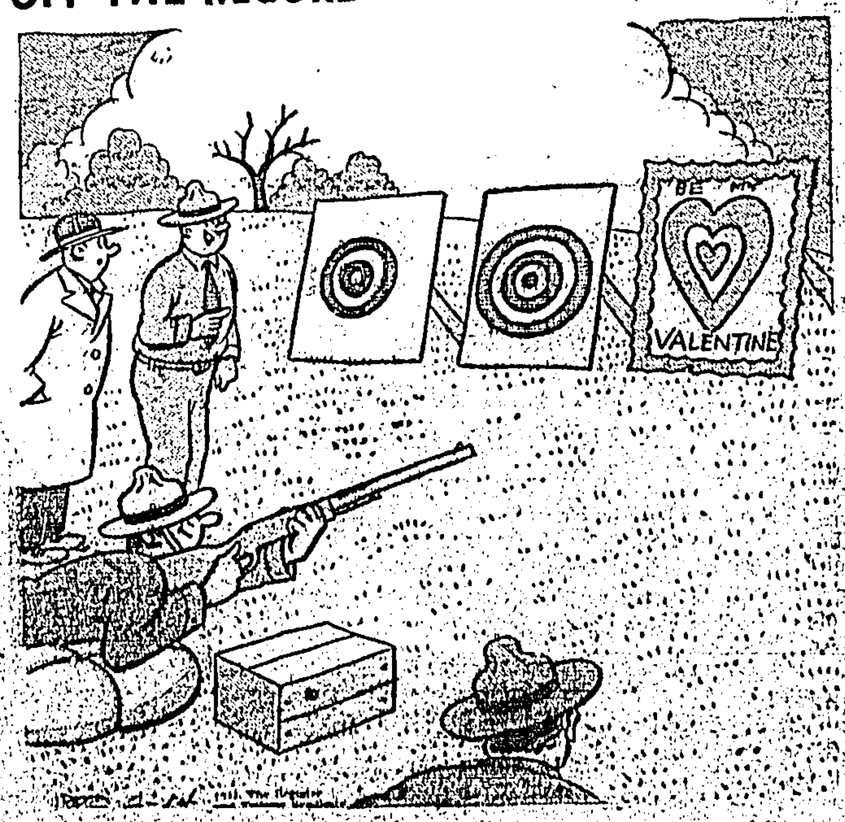

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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 p.m.—The Orchestra Mascotte and Yvonne Printemps (Soprano).
Waltzes Of The World—Potpourri (arr. Carl Robrecht) .... Orchestra Mascotte.
C'Est Le Destin Peut-etre (from "The Three Waltzes"—Strauss)....Yvonne Printemps with Orchestra.
Waltzes—Songe D'Automne (Joyce); After The Ball (Harris)....Orchestra Mascotte.
"O Mistress Mine"—When A Woman Smiles (Ellis); Goodbye, Little Dream, Goodbye (Porter)....Yvonne Printemps with Orchestra.
Second Waltz Medley (Carl Robrecht) ....Orchestra Mascotte.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Half An Hour With Irving Berlin.
"On The Avenue"—Piano Medley.... Vivian Ellis.
A Little Old Church In England.... Barry Wood (Baritone) with Orch.
"Follow The Fleet"—Selection....Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Organ.
Alexander's Ragtime Band (from the film)....The Boswell Sisters with Orchestra.
Irving Berlin Waltz Songs—Medley—Intro: What'll I Do; Always; Marie; All Alone; Russian Lullaby; Because I Love You; You Forgot To Remember; The Song Is Ended (Vocal)....Debroy Somers Band.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.46 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—A Programme of Light Popular Classics.
"Henry VIII" Dances — Shepherd's Dance; Morris Dance; Torch Dance (German)....The New Symphony Orchestra.
Le Cygne (Saint-Saens) .... Marcel Mule (Alto Saxophone) with Piano
Waltz in C Sharp Minor (Chopin).... Bronislaw Huberman (Violin) with Piano.
Waltz from "The Sleeping Beauty" (Tchaikovsky); Liebestraum, No. 3 (Liszt)....Marek Weber & his Orch.
Nocturne In E Flat Major (Es Dur) Op. 9, No. 2 (Chopin) .... Arthur Rubinstein (Piano Solo).
Rustle Of Spring (Binding)....Albert Sandler Trio.
7.17 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado".
The Sun Whose Rays Are All Ablaze ....Elsie Griffin (Soprano) with Orchestra
Here's A How-De-Do! .... Griffin, D. Oldham & H. Laytton.
Mi-Ya Sa-Ma....B. Lewis, D Fancourt & Chorus with Orchestra
A More Humane Mikado .... Darrell Fancourt (Baritone) with Chorus & Orchestra.
See How The Fates....D. Fancourt, B Lewis A Davies, H. Laytton & L. Sheffield.
The Flowers That Bloom In The Spring....D. Oldham, H. Laytton with Orchestra.
Alone, And Yet Alive... Bertha Lewis (Contralto).
On A Tree....Henry A. Lytton (Baritone) with Orchestra
There Is Beauty....B. Lewis & H. A. Lytton.
For He's Gone & Married Yum-Yum ....A Davies, H. Lytton, D. Oldham, E. Griffin, B. Elburn, L. Sheffield, G. Baker & Chorus with Orch.
7.45 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.
Finger Prints (Englemann).
Medley—Intro: My Blue Heaven; Sweet Sue; The Japanese Sandman.
My Favourites—Intro: Blue Room; Smoke Gets In Your Eyes; These Foolish Things; Just One More Chance; There's A Small Hotel; Thanks For The Memory.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay — War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay — "Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Norman Long (Entertainer) in Variety.
Piano—'Round The 'Ouses (Burnaby & Long); It Wouldn't Have Done For The Duke, Sir, (Wass)....Norman Long.
Organ—Finch Favourites—Intro: The Mem'ry Of A Rose; Ferryboat Serenade; Blueberry Hill; Maybe; Lovely Old Lady; Goodnight Again ....Horace Finch.
Vocal—Rhumboogie, (from film "Argentine Nights"); The Cockeyed Mayor Of Kaunakakai (Anderson) ....The Andrews Sisters with Orch.
Mandoline—Valse De Concert (Enrico Marucelli); Souvenir De Sicile (S. Leonardi)....Maria B. Selvittaro with Piano.
Entertainer—Seven Veils (De Sylva-Brown-Henderson)....Norman Long with Piano.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—A Schumann Programme.
Phantasiestucke, Op. 73 (For Piano & Clarinet)....Reginald Kell & Gerald Moore.
The Two Grenadiers....Peter Dawson (Boss-Baritone) with Orchestra.
Abendlied....Manuel Quiroga (Violin Solo) with Piano.
Concerto In A Minor Op. 54—1st Mov: Allegro affettuoso—Andante expressivo; 2nd Mov: Intermezzo—Andantino grazioso; 3rd Mov: Allegro vivace....Alfred Cortot (Piano) & The London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.48 p.m.—English Ballads.
Watchman, What Of The Night (Sergeant)....Peter Dawson (singing a duet with himself).
Ballad Of Yesterday—(Teresa del Riego)—Intro: O Dry Those Tears; Happy Song; Thank God For A Garden; Homing....The Hon. W. Brownlow (Bar.) with Orchestra.
In An Old Fashioned Town (Squire) ....Titterton (Tenor) with Piano.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay — The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Anita; I Used To Love You....."Fats" Waller & his Orch.
Tangos—Mal De Ausencia; Pura Milonga....Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Fox-Trots—Where Or When (from film "Babes In Arms"); Good Morning....Jack Hylton & his Orch.
Rumba Fox-Trots—African Lament ....Don Azpiazu & his Havana Casino Orchestra; Mama Inez.... Havana Novelty Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—The Lamp Is Low; Back To Back (from film "Second Fiddle")....Jimmy Dorsey & his Orch.
Quick-Step—On The Isle Of May; Waltz—When Our Dreams Grow Old....Joe Loss & his Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Safe In My Heart; When You Come To The End Of A Journey....The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Britain Today"—Discussion.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

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ACCIDENT STATISTICS

There were 315 accidents in Singapore last month, 91 of which were traffic accidents involving motor-cars, lorries, buses and trolley buses. Forty accidents took place outside Municipal limits, according to figures released by the Accident Ambulance Service.

EXPERIENCE WHEN SHIP BOMBED

The story of how a Malayan, going home on leave was virtually snatched from the jaws of death after having been adrift for 36 hours in a lifeboat, whose oars had been washed away, was told by a colleague of his.

The Malayan, Mr. R. K. Bulloch of Messrs. Sime, Darby and Co., Ltd., Seremban, has recently returned from leave. The incident took place after the ship in which he had been travelling home was bombed by an enemy 'plane and later sank.

Mr. Bulloch declined to say anything about this adventure himself but according to his colleague, Mr. Bulloch, who was a voluntary member of the ship's gun crew, had been on duty from 4 to 8 in the morning on a certain day, and then turned in.

Direct Hit

At 10 o'clock he found himself thrown out of his bunk and on the floor. An enemy raider had dropped a bomb just outside his cabin. Realising that he had to get to his machine-gun at the poop, he grabbed a dressing gown and a lifebelt and made for his "station."

In the smoke room he found bullets spluttering all over the place. They crashed through the glass roof and he was hit. Perhaps this little delay saved his life for in the next moment the poop received a direct hit. By 10.30 a.m. all the passengers and crew were off the ship.

No Drinking Water

Mr. Bulloch and party were adrift for 36 hours in an open boat whose oars and bailers had been washed away. The sea was very rough and they were drifting helplessly until a Sunderland flying boat sighted them and they were later picked up by a Corvette.

There was no drinking water in the boat as the water casks had been pierced by machine-gun bullets. The only food consisted of fragments of bully beef.

When picked up Mr. Bulloch and other members of his party were "frozen stiff." They were given a big bowl of rum by the crew of the Corvette. Mr. Bulloch later spent ten days in a hospital.

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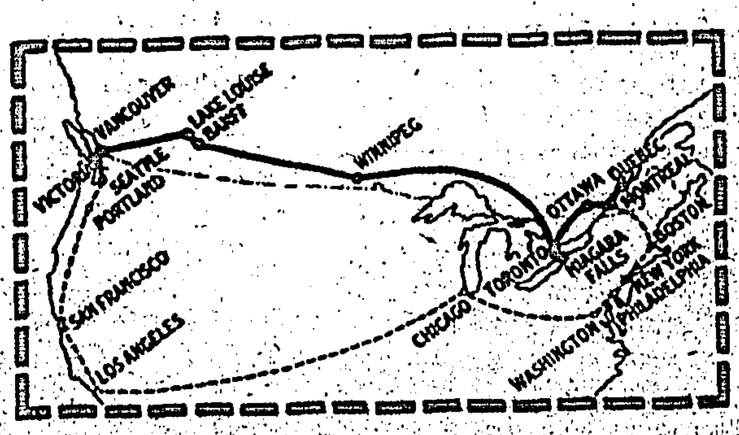

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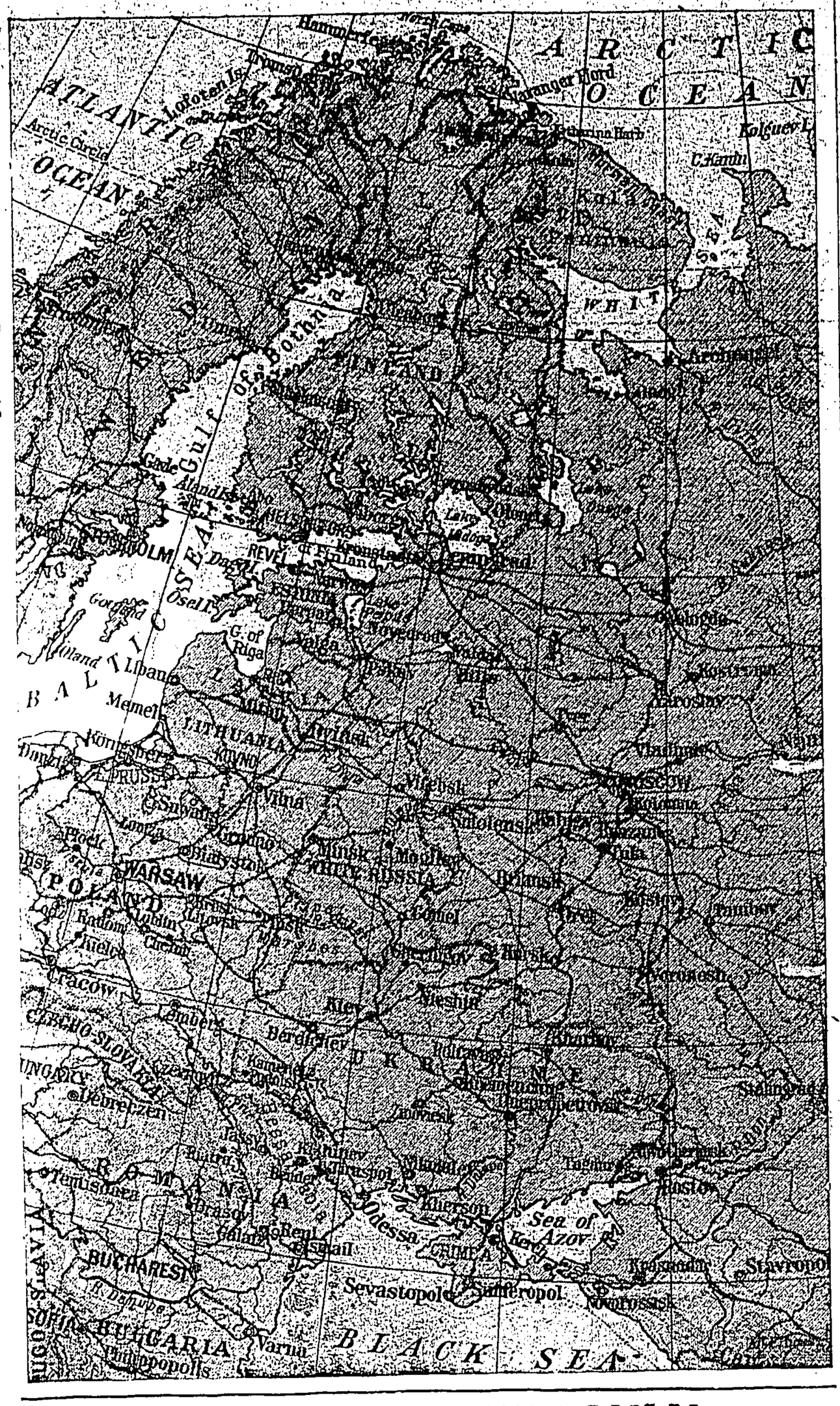

NEW A. A. DEVICE IN ACTION

Britain's most formidable land cruisers, a new American tank and a secret anti-aircraft device were seen in action by cadets of an anti-tank Officer Cadets' Training Unit, writes a "Daily Telegraph" reporter.

The American tank, which corresponded approximately to a British light tank with a somewhat higher turret, gave a spectacular exhibition of fast climbing up a steep and treacherous slope. American-made tank guns were also shown.

I lurched to the scene of battle in a British infantry tank, the best means of crossing the undulating morass. It was encouraging to learn that this particular type is now being manufactured in most satisfactory numbers.

The "battle" began when a squadron of fast British cruiser tanks emerged from cover and, detecting an "enemy convoy" moving along a depression in the muddy flats, began to shell the vehicles with their two-pounder guns, using live ammunition. Accurate shooting soon put the targets out of action.

Three Spitfires then arrived and made a series of realistic low-flying attacks on the tanks.

Against tiny balloons carried by the wind the secret anti-aircraft device achieved results which suggested that handled resolutely, it would be very effective.

Afterwards I saw a squadron of heavy infantry tanks moving forward in attack formation.

CHURCH STATE-FREE?

Church disestablishment is envisaged by the Bishop of Winchester, Dr. Garbett, in a diocesan letter.

It may be found impossible to carry reforms without disestablishment," he says, "and if necessary for the sake of its virtual freedom, the Church must be prepared to accept disestablishment with whatever disendowment the State require as its price."

ONLY RUMANIAN IN BRITISH ARMY

A Rumanian diplomat who resigned from the diplomatic service as a protest against his Government's submission to Nazi domination has joined the Pioneer Corps as a private.

He is Mr. M. I. Murgu, former Press attache to the Rumanian Legation in London. His reason for joining up is "to encourage my compatriots to forget their private squabbles and help Britain to conquer the Nazi menace."

Mr. Murgu fought with the Rumanian Army in the last war and won two medals. He enrolled in the British Army.

His wife, who is English, is about to join one of the women's national defence organisations.

"Although I am now 41," said Mr. Murgu, "I want to do my best as a soldier to show that deeds are better than words, and that the only way Rumanians can help themselves is to help Britain and her Allies. I am now the only Rumanian in the British Army, but I hope I will soon be joined by others."

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SAPPER QUITE IMPRESSIVE AT MORNING TRAINING BUT FAR VIEW UNLIKELY TO WIN

By "Rapier"

THE SECOND HALF OF THE LOCAL RACING SEASON WILL START ON SATURDAY WEEK, SEPTEMBER 27, AND ALL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOW BEEN COMPLETED.

The ponies have been given harder work within the past week, and the majority appear to be ready for the re-opening.

With the usual complement of jockeys in Hong Kong, together with the transfer back to this port of Mr. G. R. Cheape, a promising jockey who graduated up in Shanghai, owners generally should be well served in this department.

MR. L. B. CHAO HAS SEVERED HIS CONNECTION WITH THE MARBER STABLE AND WILL HENCEFORTH HANDLE PONIES FROM MR. S. W. LEE'S STABLE, WHILE MR. H. S. CHANG WILL RIDE FOR THE MARBER AND WHY STABLES AT THE COMING MEETINGS.

Messrs. H. C. Pih and G. Treverton, however, will not be available as the former underwent an operation for appendicitis recently and the latter is on holiday.

In this artfcle I will give a few notes on the form of the old Australian Subs. and the China Subs. and so conclude by comments on the ponies following the Summer vacation.

Australian Subs.

SAPPER, Champion Australian pony, has changed hands and will be racing under new colours. It is looking very fit, and its movement in morning gallops has been quite impressive. There is no denying the fact that Sapper is hard to beat from the mile upward carrying weight as per inches.

FAR VIEW, the ex-champion, was sent out to Fanling for rest after the Melbourne Cup at the First Extra meeting, when it ran unplaced. It is now in harness again, but, judging from its track work, I have come to the conclusion that Far View is not the Far View of yore, and I doubt if it will ever be good enough to win an "A" Class race.

MANY THANKS, which deadheated with Distant View in the Shark Bay Handicap over the mile in record time when carrying 135 lb., has shown further improvement after the recess, and may be depended on to give a good account of itself amongst the "A" Class ponies.

Lancashire Chips Will Still Need Watching

LANCASHIRE CHIPS fell off rather badly when running in "A" Class, but regained its old form when it dead-heated with Mainsail for first place in the Manley Handicap (First Section) carrying top-weight in a "B" Class encounter in record time. However, this pony is still showing good form at morning gallops and should be borne in mind over short distances.

VICEROY does not seem to move too well at its morning exercises, and I am afraid its chances of winning a race in "A" Class are rather remote. In "B" Class, however, it may bring off a win or two.

BAFFIN BAY has not summered too well and seems to have lost a great deal of flesh. Judging from its workout last Saturday, it cannot be compared to the pony which won the Brisbane Spring Handicap over two miles in record time.

A GRAND TIME, another former champion, is regaining some of its old form although, good as this pony is, I am afraid that it is not good enough to win a race in its present class.

Cheerful Star In First Class Condition

CHEERFUL STAR, which won the Bondi Handicap for "C" Class ponies over the Champions distance to equal the record, is at the moment in first class condition and should win a race or two in "B" Class.

CATTERICK BRIDGE is quite tuned up for action and should be borne in mind for races over the mile in its present class.

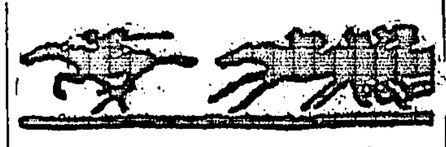
ROWAN, which was a skeleton of a pony before winning the Manley Handicap (Second section) for "B" Class, has put on a great deal of weight during the Summer interval, and I am afraid it will not be ready in time for the coming meeting.

SPRINGHURST is also tuned up for action, and it should be worth following whenever it appears in races of a mile and less.

CONTACT, which lost to Rowan and Springhurst over six furlongs when ridden by Mr. Craven, is looking much better since its last run and, from what I have seen, it will be a strong contender in the "B" Class race at the coming meeting, especially with Mr. Davis riding.

CONNIEBER, PICCADILLY JIM, ROOIFLY and NATIONAL VICTORY are not as good as they should be but may improve as time goes on.

BRUTUS, CRIFFEL, PUMPERNICKEL, CENTRE COURT, COCKLEROI, DEVONIAN, SHUTTLECOCK and WINNIE are all in good shape, and I expect them to be prominent at later meetings in their respective class.



CHINA SUBS

Amongst the Subs. still racing at the moment KING KONG, the champion Sub. which was purchased by Mr. S. W. Lee at the Public Auction, appears to have benefitted from the Summer recess, and its appearance seems to indicate that it will still have a win or two for its new owner.

CELTIC STAR is being very patiently trained by Mr. Craven and should be kept in mind at future meetings.

STRATHBANNOCK is coming along again after being in the background for sometime, and it may win a race this second half.

GUINNESS TIME, THIS TIME and WEST LAKE are still sluggish in their movements but will probably get into condition after a few hard gallops.

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N.Z. HORSE FOR INDIA WINS RACE

Under offer at £3,000 to do its future racing in India if sold, the three-year-old gelding Lou Rosa won the Foley Memorial at Avondale, New Zealand, recently.

A furlong from home it did not look as though it would get up, as its rider, McTavish, was then hard at it but it gradually wore down British Talent, and then Foxsen, and got the decision by a head.

Recently the owner, Mr. A. E. Lennard, was asked to put a price on Lou Rosa, the inquirer intimating that in the event of a sale the son of Foxbridge—Lucy Rose would be sent to India to race. Mr. Lennard mentioned £3,000 and there the matter rests at present.

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Captain Elsey, Malton trainer, says that instead of £400 and £500 races, Northern trainers would prefer additional races of £200 and £250 each, making seven or eight races a day. South-country competition for the bigger prizes was very strong, he adds.

H.K. AREA AQUATICS POSTPONED

The Hong Kong Area Swimming Championships, which were to have been held this evening at Army Pool, have been postponed to next Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

BOXING POSTPONED

IT IS LEARNED THAT OWING TO OTHER COUNTER-ATTRACTIONS, CHIEFLY THE TIN HAT BALL, AND THE FACT THAT ARMY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS HAVE CLAIMED THE TIME OF SOME OF THE MEN WHO WERE TO HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE BOXING TOURNAMENT ON OCTOBER 3, AT STAR THEATRE, THIS TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31.

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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WAITS 22 YEARS FOR HAT TRICK

No cricketer could miss a famous hat-trick by a more exasperatingly narrow margin than to take two Yorkshire wickets with successive balls and then have none other than Wilfrid Rhodes dropped off the third.

And when a few seasons later history repeats itself with Rhodes again the batsman, missed off the third ball, the baffled bowler is entitled to conclude fate does not mean him to be numbered among the first-class hat-tricksters.

This happened to Nigel Haig, and I am telling the story because the famous Middlesex skipper, at the age of 53, has just achieved in a club match at Middleton, Sussex, the hat-trick which eluded him through 22 years of all grades of first-class cricket, writes L. V. Manning.

Curious how the drama of his two Yorkshire "near things," with Rhodes featuring in both, escaped the recorders all these years.

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Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club's first practice match of the season will be held at 4 p.m. on September 20 on the "Y" ground, King's Park. Players are requested to bring both Club and white shirts.

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Mr. J. Skinner, chairman of Hong Kong Football Club and League Management Committee of Hong Kong Football Association, is endeavouring to get all clubs with enclosed grounds to agree to a uniform price of admission to football games.

OPENING FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Following are the opening fixtures in the Hong Kong Football League, which commences on Saturday, September 27:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

First Division

Police v St. Joseph's (Boundary Street, 5.45 p.m.)
Kowloon v Club (Kowloon, 5.45 p.m.)
Middlesex v Eastern (Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)
Sing Tao v Engineers (Club, 5.45 p.m.)

Second Division

Police v Service Corps (Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)
Kowloon v Club (Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)
Middlesex v Eastern (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
Sing Tao v Engineers (Club, 4.15 p.m.)
7th R.A. v Ordnance (St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)
Kit Chee v 12th R.A. (Caroline Hill, 5.45 p.m.)

Third Division

University v 20th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 5.45 p.m.)
965th R.A. v 12th R.A. (Stanley, 4.15 p.m.)
24th R.A. v Medicals (Military, 5.45 p.m.)
7th R.A. v Signals (Military, 4.15 p.m.)
Pung Ngai v Shell (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

First Division

Royal Scots v Navy (Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)
South China v Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 5.45 p.m.)

Second Division

Royal Scots v Signals (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
South China v Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)

Third Division

30th R.A. v 36th R.A. (Stanley, 5.45 p.m.)
Air Force v Service Corps (Chatham Road, 5.45 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Second Division

Sing Tao v South China (Caroline Hill, 5.45 p.m.)
Engineers v Kwong Wah (Military, 5.45 p.m.)
Kowloon v Royal Scots (Kowloon, 5.45 p.m.)
Club v Signals (Club, 5.45 p.m.)
7th R.A. v Police (Boundary Street, 5.45 p.m.)
Ordnance v Service Corps (Military, 4.15 p.m.)
Kit Chee v Middlesex (Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)
12th R.A. v Eastern (Chatham Road, 5.45 p.m.)

Third Division

965th R.A. v 24th R.A. (Stanley, 4.15 p.m.)
12th R.A. v Medicals (Stanley, 5.45 p.m.)
30th R.A. v University (St. Joseph's, 5.45 p.m.)
36th R.A. v 20th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
Pung Ngai v Air Force (Prince Edward Rd., 5.45 p.m.)
Signals v Lameford (Military, 5.45 p.m.)
Shell v Service Corps (Ground to be notified later.)

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AVERY SCORES CENTURY

A crowd of 4,000 at Warrington saw George Duckworth's XI (226 for six declared) draw with an R.A.F. XI (171 for seven) in a match in aid of the "Daily Dispatch" War Comforts Fund. Eddie Paynter hit four 6's and nine 4's in scoring 94 for Duckworth's XI.

A. V. Avery (Essex) hit 103 for British Empire XI, who won by 138 runs at West Wickham. C. B. Clarke, West Indies Test bowler, took 5 for 28 and was then hurt in falling on a coil of barbed wire.

It will be recalled that Avery visited Hong Kong with the Islington Corinthians' touring football team and played one innings at Kowloon Cricket Club.

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FOOTBALL PROFITS... & LOSSES

Glasgow Rangers announce a profit of £2,314, which does not include their share of the Scottish Cup final and also replay receipts.

Bristol Rovers made £140 profit—without playing.

Liverpool lost £1,421.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, who did not play any football last season, report a deficiency of £4,646 on the year's working. This sum includes £2,744 written off ground fittings.

BIG HITTING IN CALE GREENGAME

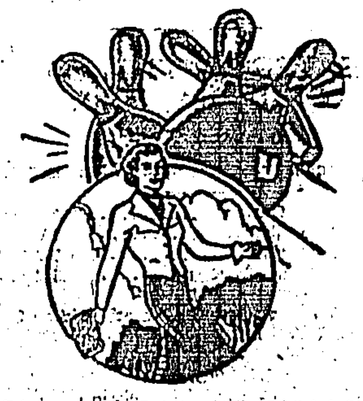
After being on military duty all night, Major Herbert Sutcliffe travelled more than a hundred miles to take part in a match at Cale Green, Stockport, for the "Daily Dispatch" War Comforts Fund.

His enthusiasm gained its own reward, for it is expected that the Fund will benefit by more than £300, and his eleven beat Jack Iddon's team by four wickets with 10 minutes to spare.

A crowd of 5,000 saw some fine batting, the players being spurred on by offers made by various sportsmen to pay one shilling a run to the Fund for innings played by their favourites.

The biggest innings was played by W. Barber, the Yorkshire batsman, whose first scoring strokes were four 4's, a 6, and then another 4, and he hit altogether two 6's and twelve 4's in his 82.

George Cox hit a 6 and five 4's, George Pope a 6 and four 4's, while on Iddon's side Paynter hit a 6 and six 4's, Iddon a 6 and ten 4's, and Butterworth ten 4's.



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LEN HARVEY TO RETURN TO RING?

Pilot-Officer Len Harvey, British and Empire heavy-weight champion and R.A.F. since the first siren is at last persuaded to defend his title?

The whisper is persistent that a fight is well on the way to being fixed up, writes L. V. Manning, and that Tommy Farr is the opponent. If not Farr, it would be either Jack London or Doyle.

The news, if it materialises, is all the more startling because Harvey had made no secret of the fact that he had no intention of defending his title during the war. Moreover, he felt strongly that he ought not to be expected to do so.

In peace-time the matching of these two would be hailed as a "natural," and even with a war on it would stir the alley like no match has done since September 3, 1939.

Venue Secret

Harvey was 34 yesterday. Farr is 26. Harvey has not been in the ring for a serious contest for two years—July 10, 1939, when he beat McAvoy, and Farr not since November 10 same year, when he defeated Manuel Abrew in Dublin.

Whether Farr has gone back during his enforced absence from the ring, and whether the always-fit Harvey can still make it at the age of 34 are the intriguing queries which would make the fight a sell-out at top prices.

The idea is an open-air night show. Where, is still "hush-hush," but I can say it won't be Wembley, White City, or Harringay.

HARVEY DECLINES WORLD TITLE BOUT

Len Harvey, British cruiser-weight and heavy-weight champion, has refused an offer to fight Billy Conn in Canada for the world light-heavyweight title, which both claim.

GOLFING ITEMS

Collings Wins Valley & Kowloon Titles In Same Year

As generally expected, R. K. Collings won the Happy Valley Golf Championship last Sunday with an aggregate of 152 (78 and 74) with J. M. Thomson runner-up, two strokes behind (73-81=154).

Collings, however, started very badly, having a 6 at the very first hole, and then, after having recovered somewhat in the afternoon, was short with his second shot at the last hole.

A large number of spectators had gathered at the club-house, including Thomson, who had finished with 154, and they all applauded when Collings chipped out of the bunker in great style and sank his putt for a par 4.

Had he failed to do this the championship would no doubt have gone to Thomson, who played excellent golf in the morning - he led the field by five strokes at the end of the first 18 holes—but fell off in the afternoon.

A. J. Dennis fought back well with an excellent round of 74 in the afternoon, after a poor round of 87 in the morning, while the steadiest player of the day was K. S. Robertson, whose cards for morning and afternoon both read 78.

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RARE "DOUBLE"

THIS is the first title Collings has won at the Valley, and it provided him with a rare "double" as he had won the Kowloon Golf Club Championship earlier in the year, beating his partner T. B. Low in the Final.

Some years ago he also won the K.G.C. Championship when he beat K. Robertson in the Final.

Collings, partnered by Low, also won this year's First and Second Summer Foursomes at the Valley.

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PADGHAM 70

ALF Padgham and W. J. Cox beat Henry Cotton and George Stephenson, the local professional, 2 and 1 in a four-ball at Wendover recently. Padgham was round in 70, Cox 71, Cotton 72, and Stephenson 78.

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WELCOME NEWS

MRS. Dai Rees, wife of the former match-play golf champion, has been anxiously awaiting news of her husband who is overseas with his R.A.F. unit.

He went about three months ago, since when she has been running his shop for him at Hindhead and watching for the postman.

Last month she had a letter from a total stranger from somewhere in the Middle East which said: "Dai is playing beautiful golf."

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HINDHEAD MATCH

ALF Padgham and T. R. A. Bevan beat Captain Somerville, six times Canadian champion, who had borrowed Dai Rees's clubs, and Bill Cox 5 and 4 in the "Daily Sketch" War Relief Fund four-ball at Hindhead.

The winners took the lead at the fifth, and when they won the ninth, 10th, and 11th in 3, 2, 3, the match was virtually settled.

Bevan holed across the green for a 2 at the 10th, and Alfred nonchantly knocked in a long one for a "birdie".

After the match an auction included a case of 500 lemons, which brought spirited bidding; a tame duck and a hen complete with a sitting of eggs.

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OPEN WINNER LOSES

A BIG and enthusiastic crowd at Purley Downs watched the "Daily Sketch" War Relief Fund golf match in which Alfred Padgham and Charles Johns, the home professional, beat the Open champion, Dick Burton, and Arthur Lacey by 4 and 3.

The winners finished in six under fours after Burton and Lacey had held the lead until the seventh.

After the match the balls were auctioned on the home green and brought in £13 10s., and there was also an auction in the club-house, and a putting competition for the public.

This was organised by the famous Open champion, James Braid, and Mr. W. Greenslade, an 84-year-old member of Purley Downs.

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TYPES OF PLAYERS

A FORTNIGHT ago we gave you one or two of the golfing types Richards Vidmer had met. Here are some more:

Of course you've met Temperamental Tommy. He never likes any shot he hits. If he puts a No. 2 iron shot ten feet from the pin he shakes his head in disappointment because he was off line, and if he explodes out of a trap within three feet he is mad because he wasn't closer. When he really misses a shot he goes into a red rage and calls himself names. Sometimes he even throws his clubs, although I have found that club throwers are getting fewer and fewer.

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THE "MUMBLER"

THEN there's the mumbler. He is always talking to himself as he strolls around the course and if you sneak up behind him and listen you will hear him muttering, "Two pars for a 43. I never should have three-putted the fifth hole. And that was a horrible drive I hit on the third. Might have had at 41 if I had any sense. Well, 43 is all right." Then he'll wind up with a couple of sixes and his usual 47.

I have gone into the lolterers before and rather at length. They are rather a tribe of their own, and come into various classes. Some loiter by being unable to make up their minds. Some freeze when they address the ball and it takes a couple of minutes for them to get up the nerve to swing. Some have to study every lie from all angles. And some just walk slowly. They aren't very pleasant to play with, but they're even worse to play behind.

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THE "HUSTLER"

AND, of course, on the other hand, there's the hustler. He hits his shot and immediately starts after it without waiting for you to hit yours. He thinks he can make everybody else in the game hurry up by galloping along himself, with the result that he's generally way out in front of the others and almost invariably has to be halted with a shout of "fore!"

There also is the self-appointed pro. If he can play just as well as you, or perhaps a couple of shots better, he spends most of his time giving you a free lesson. He'll tell you just what was wrong with every shot, even when you hit a good one, and he knows that you can cure that fade if you just close your stance a little. He never knows that you've been trying to cure the damn thing for three years and closing your stance never has helped yet.

All are probably very familiar to you if you're a golfer. Perhaps you are one of them yourself. I know I am.

— V —

Ben Lilley, former Notts wicket-keeper, who is now 47, played for his old county against R.A.F. XI at Trent Bridge.

LANE, CRAWFORD SUCCESS

At Happy Valley on Sunday, Lane, Crawford's beat Civil Service Cricket Club by 49 runs in a friendly cricket match, the scores being:—

LANEFORD: 149 (A. B. Hamson, 37 retired, E. C. Fincher 31; G. Stone 4 for 37, P. D. Crawley 3 for 18).

CIVIL SERVICE: 100 (W. Colledge 30, G. Stone 22; T. Edgar, 2 for 0, J. Lodge 2 for 13, A. B. Hamson 2 for 14).

The scores printed in last Monday's editions were inaccurate, giving the result of the match as a draw.

OLIDON HAD REAL BAD LUCK

A GAME LITTLE HORSE TRAVELLED TWO AND A QUARTER MILES IN THE GOLD CUP, ONLY TO LOSE ITS VALUABLE PRIZE IN THE LAST STRIDE BY A HEAD, WRITES GIMCRACK.

It was Miss Dorothy Paget's Olidon, and it would have beaten Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen's Finis but for falling lame late in the race.

"Finis seemed to be taking one stride to little Olidon's three," said Tommy Carey, Olidon's jockey, to me after the race. "Olidon changed his legs once or twice during the race."

But for these little lapses and the fact that he was found lame on pulling up, I am certain Olidon would have justified my optimism in napping it.

Winterhalter was beaten by a neck for second place, and it was only in the last stride that Olidon conceded the verdict to Finis.

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ENGLISH CRICKET UNSHAKEN

The cream of 'Varsity cricket and a generous sprinkling of famous names gave, the recent Anti-Aircraft Brigade v. a Lord's XI. match the air of a rationed Gentlemen v. Players duel with a much better title, writes L. V. Manning.

Joe Hardstaff's aesthetic leg glances made his half hundred good to look at while G. F. Hoane and E. R. T. Holmes competed evenly for the off-drive championship.

The pace and pick-up of young Crutchley in the wide open spaces was best amateur vintage and helped the onlookers to be sure that when A. Hitler is caught J. Stalin, bowled W. Churchill English cricket will snap right back to post war standard.

UNITED SERVICES' ELEVEN TO CLASH WITH ARMY TO-DAY

By "Referee"

With the playing fields now open to football, clubs are endeavouring to get in as much practice as possible in the 10 days left before the first League game and several friendly games have been arranged to be played during the week, while the various Batteries and Units have fixed up games among themselves at Stanley and wherever an Army ground is available.

The United Service team to play in the Charity game against Combined Eastern and Sing Tao on Saturday are having a final practice against the Rest of the Army at Causeway Bay this afternoon at 6 p.m., weather permitting.

At Boundary Street, South China, League champions, meet Police, who hope to be at full strength, while Air Force, Third Division champions, make their first public appearance this season when they meet Police Juniors.

To-morrow Engineers, newcomers to First Division, will be given their first real test when they entertain Eastern at Sookunpoo. It will be recalled that Sappers beat Club 7-3 last Saturday, while Eastern beat Police 6-4 on Sunday.

During the week-end practically all clubs will be playing friendly games.

Following are the coming charity and friendly soccer games:—

To-Day

SENIOR

United Services v Army
(Navy ground, 6 p.m.)

Police v South China
(Boundary Street, 5.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. H. Beard.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Williamson and Taylor.

St. Joseph's v Ordnance
(St. Joseph's, 5.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. F. A. Barretto.

JUNIOR

Police v Air Force
(Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Edwards.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Peralta & Wilson.

Thursday

SENIOR

Engineers v Eastern
(Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Mitchell.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Lancaster and Young.

Saturday

CHARITY MATCH

Eastern-Sing Tao v United Services
(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)

SENIOR

Police v Kwong Wah
(Boundary Street, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Kossick.
Linesmen:—Messrs. James and Hancock.

Club v Sing Tao
(Club, 6 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Emmons.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Lai Po-detn, and E. Lai.

Kowloon v Middlesex
(Kowloon, 5.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Smith.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Moore & Watson.

JUNIOR

Police v Kwong Wah
(Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Taylor.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Moggeridge and Young.

Club v Sing Tao
(Club, 5 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Williamson.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Wilson & Vesco.

Kowloon v Middlesex
(Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Banham.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Yearling and Quinn.

Sunday

CHARITY MATCH

South China v Governor's Cup XI.
(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)

To-Day's Teams

Following are the teams for to-day's United Services practice match:—

Army XI:—Jackson (Middlesex); Naysmith, (Royals) and Sheehan (Middlesex); Falconer (Royals), Guy (Artillery) and Young (R.A.S.C.); Cosmer (Middlesex), Fox (Engineers), Auld (Royals), Pelham (Engineers) and Martin (R.A.S.C.).

United Services:—Bankier (Royals); Roughley (Navy) and Fraser (Royals); Birrell (Engineers), Bright (Middlesex) and Thomas (Middlesex); Hossack (Royals), Barber (Navy), Hendy (Navy), Le Page (Navy) and Duffield (Ordnance).

Reserves:—Sheehan (Middlesex) and Pelham (Engineers).

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A meeting of the League Management Committee of Hong Kong Football Association will be held this afternoon to make arrangements for the Charity game on October 10.

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Appointment of referees and linesmen for the opening football matches of the season will be made this evening at a meeting of the referees' sub-committee of Hong Kong Football Association.

Easier Golf

TRAINING THE LEFT HAND By Best-Ball

While there seems to be no short cut to a good golf game except hard practice along the right fundamental lines, one can increase left hand efficiency by conscious control. By this is meant a constant awareness of the job the left hand has to do in golf and the determination to make the left hand as strong and useful as possible in the swing. In addition to grip strengthening exercise; using an artificial grip strengthener or a rubber ball, there are other methods which can be employed during a day of routine tasks. This method means the use of the left hand at any and all occasions where it can be substituted for the right.

Instead of using the right as usual, let the golfer employ the left where possible. Carrying a package, holding out the left hand to receive a bundle, taking hold of any object with this hand first will build up this member and make it take a more prominent place in the mind of the player. Continue to do little odd jobs such as those listed with the left and its value to the golf swing will flourish as a consequence.

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BULGARIAN DENIALS

Reply To Soviet's Note Of Warning

NEW FIGHTER PROGRESS

"Two new developments which are just around the corner will add immeasurably to the striking power of American fighting 'planes," writes the "Wall Street Journal" yesterday.

"One is the 20-millimetre gun which will fire from the wing of the 'plane instead of through the propellor, and the other is the fire control device which will permit the use of range finders in aeroplanes together with a centralised control for multi-turret 'planes.

"This is a radical departure from the orthodox armament practice. Because of the heavier recoil and heavier mountings, wing cannons have not been used until now.

"The Lansing, Michigan, Oldsmobile Works Division of the General Motors Corporation is starting production on a £3,000,000 order of these Hispano-Suiza rapid-fire cannons. The firing rate of this weapon is 575 shells per minute," the "Journal" says.

According to the newspaper, other fire-power development is a device perfected by the Fairchild Aviation Corporation.

"IT IS A FIRE-CONTROL APPARATUS, PROVIDING AUTOMATIC RANGE CALCULATION AND CONTROLS A LARGE NUMBER OF MOVABLE GUNS, AND WILL BE APPLICABLE TO MACHINE-GUNS AS WELL AS CANNONS." THE "JOURNAL" SAYS." — REUTER.

Know Of No Provocative Move

THE BULGARIAN Government has categorically denied adopting "a disloyal attitude" towards Russia, according to a Sofia despatch to the German official news agency yesterday.

The Bulgarian Government, it is added, "knows nothing" of any provocative action on Bulgarian soil.

These statements are contained in the Bulgarian Government's reply to the recent protest by the Russian Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Molotov, regarding anti-Russian activities in Bulgaria. The reply was made through the Bulgarian Minister in Moscow on Monday.

Categorically declaring that all the Soviet assertions that Bulgaria has adopted a disloyal attitude towards Russia are untrue, the Note says the Bulgarian Government is specially surprised by the assertion that Bulgaria has become a base for Italo-German hostilities against Russia.

Knows Nothing

The Note ascribes these assertions to radio propaganda, adding "Bulgaria has merely taken a course corresponding to her interests. The Government knows nothing of any provocative action against the Soviet Union on Bulgarian soil."

The Note maintains that Russian bombs have been dropped on Bulgarian soil and also that one parachutist, whose identity has been established, has been landed.

The attitude of the Bulgarian press is stated to be merely the logical outcome of that adopted by the Russian press and radio.

"Purely Defence"

The Note further protests against the assertion that the recent changes in the Bulgarian penal regulations indicate preparation for an attack on Russia.

These measures, it is stated, are "purely defensive and precautionary" and the question is purely an internal one.

Finally the Note declares Russia is misinformed. Otherwise Russia, it is declared, would "have no serious grounds for complaining of Bulgaria's disloyalty or of aggressive intentions." — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Nanking Road, Shanghai's main street, and the Bund and other streets, were blocked by a long row of tramcars as the result of a sudden strike this morning of tram conductors and drivers.

Reason for the lightning walk-out cannot yet be ascertained although it is unconfirmably reported it followed the slapping of one of the conductors by a policeman whose dismissal is now demanded.

The strikers abandoned the cars as soon as the strike call came, leaving thousands of hapless passengers to find the best means of reaching office.—Reuter.

TIME BOMB EXPLODES IN SHANGHAI

A time-bomb exploded late last night just outside the offices of the Japanese-controlled International Radio Office in Shanghai, situated on the first floor of the Cathay Hotel.

Despite the terrific explosion, which blasted several doors on the same floor and smashed numerous windowpanes to smithereens, only one Chinese was slightly injured by falling glass.

The explosion is reported to have caused considerable damage to the radio company's transmitting sets and slight damage to the British-owned XGON radio station which is on the same floor.

The International Radio Office is the local branch of the Central China Telecommunications Co.—Reuter.

Terrific Blast

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL",

International News says the explosion occurred in the baggage room of the hotel at 11.35 p.m. Proximity of the baggage room to the radio offices shows clearly that the bomb was intended for the latter.

The blast was terrific and was heard several blocks away.

Police investigation shows the contraption was a time-bomb filled with T.N.T. The damage interrupted communications which were resumed after hasty repairs.—International News Service.

DEATH

FUNG KONG UN.—On Sunday, September 14, 1941, at No. 54, Bonham Road, Hong Kong, Fung Kong Un (owner of Fung Tang), aged 68 years. Funeral will take place today, September 17 and last respects will be paid at the Farewell Pavilion, Kennedy Town, at 2 p.m.

SIR ISIDORE SALMON DEAD

The death of Sir Isidore Salmon was announced in London yesterday.

Sir Isidore, who was chairman and managing director of the great catering firm of Lyons and Co., was M.P. for Harrow, and had a distinguished public career, serving on many Royal Commissions and committees.

He was hon. catering adviser to the War Office and it is on the basis of his report made in 1938 that the great Army cooking organisation, under which 96 centres have trained 60,000 cooks, was built up. — British Wireless.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The first reading of five new Bills, including that conferring militia status on the police forces and that increasing the betting duty, will be taken to-morrow in Legislative Council, at which H. E. Sir Mark Young will preside for the first time.

DUKE OF KENT TO BROADCAST

The Duke of Kent will broadcast in the 6 o'clock news to-day. His talk will be heard throughout the Empire. — British Wireless.

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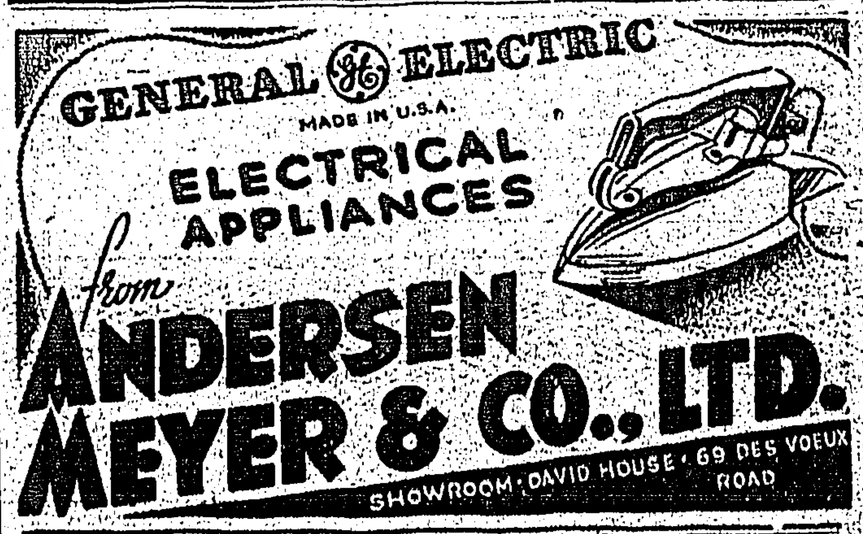

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WITNESS DECLINES ANSWER

A.R.P. Inquiry Hearing Resumed

Solicitor Objects To An "Insinuation"

MR. W. F. CARMAN, ACTING MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MARSMAN'S, DECLINED TO ANSWER A QUESTION PUT BY MR. JUSTICE CRESSALL ON THE GROUND THAT IT MIGHT INCRIMINATE HIS FIRM, AT THE RESUMED HEARING TO-DAY OF EVIDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION BY THE A.R.P. COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

Mr. Carman agreed that Marsman's had made a subscription by cheque of, he thought, $1,000 to the A.R.P. Club.

Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, during questions on a dinner party given by Mr. Carman, at which Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins were present, objected to the form in which they were put, suggesting that they contained an insinuation.

Before resuming the inquiry in open court, the Commission held a session in camera, in the Puisne Judge's chambers.

First witness at this morning's session was Det Sergt. T. Cashman, who gave formal evidence of having executed a search warrant at No. 2 O'Brien Road, on September 15.

This officer said that the actual office of Wan Tung Co., was in the cockloft at this address, while the office furniture comprised a desk and two stools.

He made a search of the two drawers in the desk and found four chops, two of which were for the Wan Tung firm, one for the Kwong Wing Co., while he could not make out what the fourth chop represented.

"Accommodation Address"

From his observations, he formed the opinion that the place was not used as an office, but rather as an accommodation address. There were two people there at the time, but they were not connected with the Wan Tung firm, being the principal tenants of the premises.

Chairman: Well, evidence has been given that Wan Tung and Kwong Wing have received $26,000 from Kin Lee. Did you see a safe in the premises?—There was a safe but it belonged to the principal tenant.

Had the principal tenant heard of Wan Tung?—Yes.

Did he say which member of that firm called at the premises?—He said that a woman was the only one who called. Witness had stated earlier that the principal tenant informed him that nobody from Wan Tung had been to the place for two days.

Did you tell the principal tenant what you wanted?—I said I wanted to search the place.

Did he express any surprise?—No, Sir

P.W.D. Approved

Mr. Carman was then recalled and in answer to the chairman said he had brought along with him the information required by the Commission.

In regard to the account with the Office Appliance Co., Mr. Carman said that at the start of the job they had only two calculators in their office, but later on it was found necessary to have another. The matter was taken up with the P.W.D. who approved of it.

Continuing, Mr. Carman said that with reference to Leigh and Orange, he stated at a previous hearing that this firm of architects were called in by Marsman's on behalf of P.W.D. Actually, however, that was incorrect.

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WAR MAY BE FORCED ON U.S.

"Events of the last few days strongly indicate that war may be forced upon the United States," announced Mr. Ralph Bard, Assistant Secretary of Navy, addressing ensigns of the training ship "Prairie State" yesterday.

MR. BARD SAID GERMAN SUBMARINES WERE COMING EVEN CLOSER TO THE AMERICAN SHORES AND THAT FOUR-ENGINED BOMBERS HAD SUNK SHIPS WITHIN A FEW MILES OF LAND IN THIS HEMISPHERE.

"The possibilities of attack which were scoffed at a year ago are viewed with apprehension today," he said.—Reuter.

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ROMANCE ENDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A ROMANCE WHICH BLOSSOMED FROM A JITTERBUG CONTEST WENT ON THE ROCKS IN THE U.S. COURT IN SHANGHAI YESTERDAY WHEN EUGENE FULLERTON, HANDSOME YOUNG MEMBER OF THE U.S. MARINES, AND LOCAL "JITTERBUG KING," HAD HIS MARRIAGE WITH COMELY KATHLEEN MILDRED CHEN ANNULLED.

The pair were married after a brief acquaintance last June despite standing orders forbidding enlisted Americans to marry without permission.

When the news was revealed Fullerton was arrested but it was later discovered that the marriage was illegal as the Chinese girl was a bigamist, not being divorced from her previous husband.—International News Service.

BULGARIAN PLEDGE TO NAZIS REPORTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The London "Daily Sketch" quotes diplomatic quarters as stating that Bulgaria has signed a treaty giving full aid to Germany in the Russian campaign.—International News Service.

ROYAL VISIT TO VAN DEPOT

During a visit to the Lord Mayor of London the King and Queen took the opportunity yesterday afternoon of inspecting some of the 350 food vans presented by Henry and Edsel Ford.

These vans carry hot meals in in specially designed "hot boxes" to "blitzed" areas. Special attention was paid by the King and Queen to a van of the same type as those given by Mr. Ford which is operating in Shoreditch, for this has been presented by the Royal Society of St. George, Nairobi, and is the forerunner of hundreds of these vans which are now being provided by public subscriptions. A W.V.S. crew was with the van.—British Wireless.

"Pacific Agreement"

JAPAN STICKS TO STORY

Announcement of a "Japanese - American agreement" as a result of the recent discussions in Washington, has been delayed owing to difficulties which have arisen during the past week.

THIS IS ACCORDING TO THE TOKYO CORRESPONDENT OF THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY.

The correspondent adds: "This has caused the Government to defer the announcement of basic points on which agreement has been reached.

"ALTHOUGH THE NATURE OF THE DIFFICULTIES IS NOT CLEAR IT IS UNDERSTOOD THEY ARE NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE THE COLLAPSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS OR JEOPARDISE THE HOPES OF A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.

"The difficulties are alleged to have resulted from points raised by Washington at the eleventh hour.

"Before these difficulties arose the two Governments are said to have reached agreement on certain basic principles covering future Japanese-American relations and relating chiefly to an assurance of peace in the Pacific and the gradual easing of the economic restrictions against Japan."—Reuter.

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America And Vichy

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"EXTREMELY IMPORTANT" MATTERS CONCERNING UNITED STATES-VICHY RELATIONS WERE DISCUSSED AT A MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, AND THE VICHY AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, HENRY HAYE, YESTERDAY.

The French envoy later stated the talks consisted of "an exchange of ideas on the position of the French Government on American problems." Mr. Hull, he added, had requested him not to say more at this time.—International News Service.

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ECUADOR PROTEST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ecuador yesterday charged that Peruvian warplanes twice bombed and machine-gunned American-owned plantations near the disputed frontier.

"Many civilians were killed," it was declared, in a second attack said to be carried out by two Peruvian night bombers against the United Fruit Co. farms.—International News Service.

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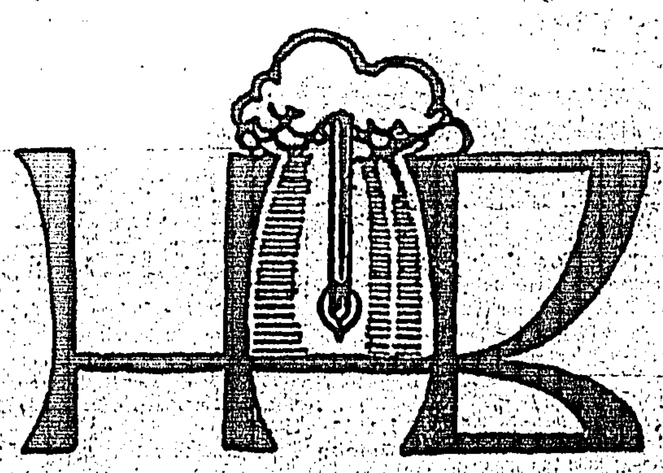

—AND *THEN* TRY!

DECISIVE RESULTS LACKING

Significant German Communique

Russia Still Uninformative

(War Commentary by "Annalist")

THE RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE YESTERDAY WAS NO MORE INFORMATIVE THAN USUAL, SPEAKING SIMPLY OF BITTER FIGHTING ALONG THE ENTIRE FRONT.

The German communique indulged in some extravagant claims regarding prisoners captured, divisions destroyed and war material put out of action south of Lake Ilmen.

Most significant feature of the German claim is the fact that the successes have, according to the German High Command, taken place over the period of the last few weeks.

This does not suggest there has been a major battle with a decisive result.

It rather looks as though, in the absence of a big concrete success, the Germans have added up their alleged local results, multiplied the whole by "x" and blazoned forth a shout of victory in order to keep up the morale of their own people and prepare them at the same time for news of considerable German losses.

Assuredly success cannot be achieved without sacrifices against such stubborn fighters as the Russians admittedly are.

Therefore, despite the identification by number of a number of Russian armies alleged to have been smashed, the whole tenor of the German communique is unconvincing.

More Stabilised

There is no news from either side regarding the fighting in the central zone but in the south the Germans claim to be advancing eastward on a broad front across the Dnieper River.

This probably refers to the capture of Kremenchug, which the Russians admitted on Monday and where the situation seems subsequently to have become more or less stabilised.

Best criterion of the situation is the fact that neither Leningrad, Kiev or Odessa seem to be unduly concerned about the situation.—Reuter.

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BITTER RIVER BATTLE

German plans to use certain small islands and one bank of the River "V" in the neighbourhood of Leningrad as a jumping off ground for a further advance towards the city, have been foiled after a bitter struggle.

Preparing for their task under the cover of artillery fire the Russians launched an attack at dawn. Aided by boats and pontoons they crossed the river and stormed the islands concerned with bayonets and hand grenades.

A girl member of the Leningrad volunteers was among the first line of the storming party. She was armed with a rifle and hand grenade.

THE GERMANS PUT UP FIERCE RESISTANCE BUT IN THE END THEY WERE FORCED OFF THE ISLANDS AND NOW THE RUSSIANS HOLD BOTH THE RIVER BANKS AS WELL.

The Germans lost hundreds of dead and much material in this battle. They are now venting their anger by fruitlessly shelling the islands concerned.—Reuter.

King Peter's Birthday

St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday was a scene of pomp and splendour when the King and Queen, Mr. Winston Churchill and members of the British Cabinet attended a special service celebrating the Royal coming of age, at 18, of King Peter II of Yugoslavia.

Pictures of the King and Queen and other royal dignatories were prominently featured in the London evening papers.

King Peter, in naval uniform, sat with his mother, Queen Marie, and two young brothers, Princes Tomislav and Andrei, the latter in school uniforms of grey flannels.

Queen Elizabeth wore eggshell blue and King George was in admiral's uniform.

Next to the Queen sat King Haakon of Norway, the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg and the Crown Prince of Norway.

The President of the Polish Republic, the President of Czechoslovakia and Madame Benes and Prince Bernhard sat in the same row.

The High Commissioners of the Dominions, foreign Ambassadors and the heads of the Allied forces were also present. — Reuter.

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PRINCE EDWARD ROAD THEFT

Mrs. C. Shek, of No. 52, Prince Edward Road, first floor, reported to the police that between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. yesterday someone broke into the kitchen and stole utensils valued at $30.

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NO RADIO LICENCE

Summoned before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning for possession of a radio set without a licence on August 16, Fu Yam-chiu, of No. 1, Tak Shing Street, was fined $12.

Accused said he took out a licence two days after the Inspector's visit.

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BURGLARY CHARGE

Arrested after breaking into No. 13, Bedford Road, ground floor, on Monday and stealing 11 bales of cotton yarn, Chan Chu, 27, a returned life banishee, was sentenced to eight months' hard labour by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

WHAT NAZIS TELL SWEDEN

Wormsoe Island, situated between Dagoe and Oesel, in the Baltic Sea off the Estonian coast, has been captured by the Germans, according to Berlin reports quoted by Swedish correspondents in the Nazi capital.

The Finns claim to have broken Russian resistance in the province of Olonetz although admitting that numerous pockets of Russian troops are still holding out.

The Swedish correspondents quote the Finns as stating they are advancing on both sides of the marshy tract while the Russians are feverishly improving their defences at Petroskoj.

Further German reports quoted by Swedish correspondents say Finnish batteries are now bombarding Leningrad whose outer defences have been penetrated at many points and a ring of 15 or 20 kilometres from the centre is almost complete around the city.

These correspondents say the Germans claim that the thrust in the south over Keretop and Kremenchug is designed to cut off Kiev and to encircle an area as large as Saxony.—Reuter.

HITLER BEATEN IF SOVIETS KEEP ARMY INTACT

The belief that even if the Russians should be forced to retreat from Kiev, Leningrad and Moscow, Hitler is already beaten as long as the line is kept intact, was voiced by Mr. Peter Fraser, New Zealand Premier, speaking at a civic reception in Wellington yesterday.

Mr. Fraser added this view is held in authoritative circles in Britain.—Reuter.

EX-GOVERNOR OF SINKIANG PASSES

Gen. Chin Shu-Jen, Governor of Sinkiang from 1928 to 1933, and one of the most colourful figures in the early National Government days, died in Lanchow at 3 a.m., September 12, according to a dispatch received here from the Kansu capital.—Central News.

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BURMA-CHINESE TALKS

The Premier of Burma, Mr. U. Saw, will lead the Burma delegation in the talks with the Chinese Mission on immigration, says Reuter's Rangoon correspondent. The negotiations start to-morrow, the Burma Government announces.

FRENCH PILOT'S FEATS

A Free French pilot's appetite-raising attacks are described by an Air Ministry news service bulletin which tells how eight men working on a JU88 at the edge of a French aerodrome at dawn yesterday heard the roar of an engine and, looking up, saw a Spitfire diving down on them, guns firing.

Not all of them had time to reach safety. One leapt in the air and fell to the ground as though shot. Another put both hands to his head and staggered.

"I think I hit him," said the Spitfire pilot afterwards. "But I know I got the JU88, for it burst into flames."

The Free Frenchman on his return was congratulated on getting the Junkers for breakfast. A few hours later he was being congratulated again—this time on getting an ME109 for lunch.

He had volunteered for another patrol and came across three ME109s protecting minesweepers off the French coast.

One was separated from the rest and the Frenchman pounced on it from behind. The ME dived vertically and caught fire just before crashing into the sea.

"YOU OUGHT TO HAVE WORKED UP A GOOD APPETITE FOR LUNCH," SOMEONE SAID TO HIM AFTERWARDS. "YES," HE REPLIED, "THAT WAS THE IDEA." — BRITISH WIRELESS.

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LENINGRAD TALK TO LONDON

Leningrad and London are now talking on the air.

In response to a Londoners' message broadcast a few days ago the Leningrad radio yesterday responded: "Listen," people of London, this is Leningrad calling.

"We thank you warmly for your greetings. We admire your courageous airmen, soldiers and sailors in fighting our common enemy, Nazi Germany.

"We shall ruthlessly avenge the innocent blood of the peaceful inhabitants of London, Coventry, Plymouth, Liverpool, Warsaw, Moscow and Leningrad.

"The people of Leningrad are fighting the Fascist hordes with determination and fortitude. Your voice of friendship, coming from the battlefield, inspires us to new resistance till final victory.

London will talk to Leningrad through the B.B.C.—Reuter.

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AMBASSADOR'S MISSION

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, left Chungking for Rangoon en route to Singapore by air yesterday morning on an important and urgent mission.

He will consult Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, and will return to Chungking in three weeks' time.—International News Service.

SOVIET STILL CONTROLS GULF OF FINLAND

(By Reuter's Resident Correspondent in Moscow)

THE FACT THAT SOVIET BASES CONTINUE TO CONTROL THE ENTRANCE OF THE GULF OF FINLAND IS BY FAR THE MOST INTERESTING REVELATION OF THE OVERNIGHT SOVIET COMMUNIQUE.

The German attempt to land troops on the island of Sarema, or Ezel, off the Estonian coast, was beaten off not only by the Soviet fleet but also by aircraft and shore batteries.

It has always been known that the Soviet forces continued to hold Hango, off the Finnish coast, and from time to time there have been descriptive accounts in the Soviet press of fights by which more of the small islands studding the entrance to and the waters of the Finnish Gulf have been seized and occupied by Soviet troops.

The attempted German landing on Sarema island can be regarded as linking up with their general plan for operations against Leningrad.

Without at least partial control of the entrance of the Gulf of Finland it would be most difficult for the Germans to attempt to use sea power on any scale as a further arm against the defenders of Leningrad.

Serious Attempt

At present the Russians are able to use much of the Baltic Fleet for many local tasks in the defence of Leningrad.

But the men would have to be withdrawn from these tasks if it were a question of any major naval operations to be undertaken against the Germans, which would be the case if the latter forced an entry in strength into the Gulf of Finland.

IT IS EVIDENT FROM THE NUMBER OF VESSELS INVOLVED THAT IT WAS A SERIOUS ATTEMPT WHICH WAS MADE TO SEIZE THE SOVIET BASE OF SAREMA, AND IT IS CONSIDERED TO BE OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE THAT THE GERMAN ATTACK HAS BEEN BEATEN OFF WITH SUCH FIRMNESS.—REUTER.

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PRISONERS OF WAR IN INDIA

Total number of prisoners of war in India has now been announced as about 7,500 officers and 32,000 men, says Router from Bombay.

Supreme Court

Shah's Son May Not Be Permitted To Take Reins

Further Activity Indicated

THE DRAMATIC announcement of the abdication of Shah Pahlevi of Iran is likely to be followed by further developments in Teheran in the next few days, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns.

Confirmation of the abdication has not yet reached London though authoritative quarters are prepared to accept the news as true as it is in line with the probable course of events in view of the extreme unpopularity of the Shah's regime and the oppression under which the Iranian people have been labouring for years past.

It is known that the people of Teheran were surprised that the Allies did not themselves take a stronger line against the intrigues with the Germans from the beginning, but British policy has been rather to strengthen the people in realisation of their aims of self-expression.

IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE SURPRISING IF THE IRANIANS ACCEPT THE ACTION OF THE SHAH IN NOMINATION OF THE CROWN PRINCE AS HIS SUCCESSOR, AS THE TWO ARE TARRED WITH THE SAME BRUSH.

The Iranian Government has so far shown helpful appreciation of the realities of the situation.

Clearing Up Situation

British and Russian forces in equal numbers are now moving towards Teheran, state authoritative quarters in London.

Purpose of this action is stated to be not directly related to the abdication of the Shah but is concerned with the definite intention of the Allies to clear up the situation regarding the Germans who will be deported from Iran, and to put an end to the Axis tactics which the Iranian Government, in spite of good intentions, had not been alone able to counter effectively.

Absolute Ruler

The Shah has left the capital. He is going to Sifahan by the road along which the British troops are advancing towards Teheran.

During an extraordinary meeting of the Iran Parliament yesday, the ex-Shah was declared to be solely responsible for the Government's policy during the last 20 years because he was an absolute ruler, according to a radio announcement.

A declaration was also made regarding the new Government. This, it was stated, will be based on constitutional procedure.

The new Shah will be sworn in this afternoon. — Reuter.

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SIR HENRY CRUMP PASSES

Sir Henry Ashbrooke Crump died of a heart attack at the English Hospital in Lisbon yesterday.

Sir Henry, formerly in the Indian Civil Service, had retired to Alassio, in Italy, and came to Portugal recently as a refugee.—Reuter.

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NEW TAX BILL ON FINAL STAGES

The U.S. House of Representatives yesterday without a vote promptly approved the £893,000,000 compromise version of the Defence Tax Bill, thus clearing the way for final action to-day by the Senate.—Reuter.

BODYGUARD ADMITS SHOOTING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Liou Fong-lin, Chinese bodyguard employed by a wealthy Chinese, has confessed to the police that he shot dead Serge Mamantoff, former employee of the Japanese-sponsored Russian-language daily "Far Eastern Times" in Shanghai on Sunday evening.

Mamantoff was shot while riding in a ricksha in the French Concession and died on Monday afternoon after a daylong struggle for life.

Prior to his death it is reported he told the police the names of several persons responsible for the attack, indicating more arrests are pending.

A Russian actor, Eugene Hovans, is also being detained by the French police in connection with the crime. — International News Service.

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MUNITIONS TRAIN BLOWN UP

Eleven mysterious accidents occurred in Czechoslovakia during the latter part of July, according to news reaching authoritative Czech circles in Jerusalem yesterday.

In addition an ammunition train from the famous Skoda armaments works has been blown up.

Over 250 officers and men of the German army were killed in one accident.

The mass destruction of crops at night in Slovakia has led to the imposition of a curfew covering all grainfields.—Reuter.

BISMARCK VENGEANCE HONOURS

Finis was written yesterday to the epic story of the sinking of the "unsinkable" Bismarck which was the swift revenge which the British exacted from the German navy for the sinking of H.M.S. Hood.

Yesterday came an announcement of awards to officers and men of the Fleet Air Arm who crippled the Nazi battleship, enabling the Royal Navy to send the German ship to the bottom.

The awards include three D.S.O.'s, D.S.M.'s and three mentioned in despatches.

Shared by aircraft of Ark Royal and Victorious and by H.M.S. Sparrowhawk and one naval air station, the honours are made for "gallantry, daring and skill in operations in which the German battleship Bismarck was destroyed."—Reuter.

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HOUR'S INTERVIEW WITH POPE

Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal envoy to the Holy See, who arrived in Rome last week bearing a message from President Roosevelt to the Pope, had an hour's interview with the Pope yesterday, according to a Vatican City despatch to Vichy quoted by Reuter.

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MR. CHURCHILL AT PLACE

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Churchill lunched with the King and Queen yesterday. Mr. Anthony Eden had an audience of the Kind later. — British Wireless.

HEAVY AIR RAID ON CAIRO

Thirty-nine were killed and 33 injured when the Cairo area was raided early yesterday morning, it is officially reported in Cairo, according to a brief Reuter message.

Present Of A Gorilla

President Roosevelt has accepted, "in the fine spirit in which it was offered," the gift of an enormous gorilla from the Free French authorities in French Equatorial Africa as a symbol of the ferocity of their fight against Nazism.

General de Larminat, offering the gorilla, which is en route to the United States, wrote: "We are not the largest but, we hope, the most ferocious group of fighting men engaged in the struggle taking place to-day."

The gorilla is described as the largest "and we believe the most ferocious gorilla" ever sent from Africa.—Reuter.

FIGHTING WILL BE GRIMMER

Announcement of the composition of the delegation to Moscow has given great satisfaction in London and comment in the press generally is appreciative of the fact that the Moscow Conference will not now be much further delayed.

Stress is laid on the tactics on the fighting which is progressing in Russia.

"The Times" says the fighting will become even grimmer during the next few weeks as the struggle for the three threatened cities —Leningrad, Kiev and Odessa — reaches the climax.

"Now it is likely that tension will be greatly relaxed with the coming of winter if the defenders can stand their ground till then. Operations may well slow down and the Germans, especially if they will have to camp in open country, may suffer even more than at present.

"But of the many forms of military activity frost is more favourable than mud and it is not to be expected that the Germans have failed to prepare for a winter campaign with their usual thoroughness.

Moral Effect

"Fighting will still go on though perhaps at a slower pace. For us the lesson is plain—get to the Russian front all help we can send as quickly as we can."

"The Times," although not denying that the Germans have had substantial successes, adds that the capture of the three Russian cities is ardently desired by the Germans for moral effect, which is needed to wipe out the impression caused in Germany itself, as well as upon the outside world by the disappointingly slow progress of the campaign.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" —most frankly speaking German newspaper—says: "The coming weeks will most probably be the hardest of all and will demand from Germany the endurance of the greatest hardships. This cannot be helped as the experience of the last few weeks proves we must fight Russia to the death.

"Germany has no other choice than between life and death — complete victory or total collapse. Our defeat in Russia would not mean the mere loss of some provinces or districts but the death of millions of German women and children and slavery for all that remained."—British Wireless.

VIOLENT RUSSIAN COUNTER-ATTACKS SUCCESSFUL

RUSSIAN ARTILLERY played a valuable part in the river battle in which the Germans were ejected from islands which they planned to use as a jumping off ground for further attacks in the direction of Leningrad.

Apart from the use of boats and pontoons some members of the Russian storming party swam the river while others jumped from rock to rock.

The advance was covered by an artillery barrage. As the storming party reached the islands the artillery barrage lifted and was transferred to the further bank, preventing the arrival of German reinforcements.

The official Russian news agency, giving these details, adds that mine-throwers also figured prominently in this river battle.

OTHER REPORTS FROM THE NORTH-WESTERN FRONT YESTERDAY, THE AGENCY ADDS, STATED THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE RECAPTURED THE TOWNSHIP OF SLAUTINO AFTER CUTTING OFF THE RETREAT OF A LARGE GERMAN FORCE.

Here the Germans lost one and a half battalions before they fled. They were taken in the rear and had to run the gauntlet of rifle and machine-gun fire.

Division Wiped Out

In still another action in the Leningrad area, the agency states, the German 30th Infantry Division was "completely annihilated." The Russians here captured 250 prisoners, 100 lorries, a battery of anti-tank guns and much other booty.

These successes followed a series of counter-attacks against the German forces which had broken into the Russian positions. These forces, it was stated, were finally compelled to retreat.

The newspaper "Red Star," describing still another battle in the Leningrad area, says: "The Germans were staggered by an unexpected tank attack."

Surprise Attack

From a fortified height overlooking the railway and road the Germans, says the paper, had planned to drive the Russians into a "mud trap" in low lying land where incessant rain had turned the ground into a swamp.

Before the attack could develop the Russians cut special lanes through the neighbouring wood, enabling tanks to deliver a surprise attack.

The Germans were driven off the heights and into the very "mud trap" they had planned for the Russians.

FLOUNDERING IN THE SWAMP THEY BECAME A TARGET FOR RUSSIAN ARTILLERY AND MINE-THROWERS AND WERE ROUTED, LEAVING 400 OFFICERS AND MEN DEAD ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

Two German dumps, with guns, tanks, machine-guns and valuable operational documents, fell into Russian hands.—Reuter.

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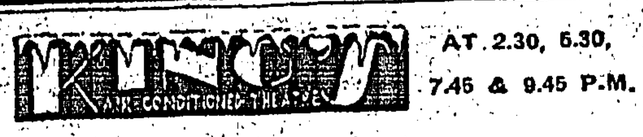

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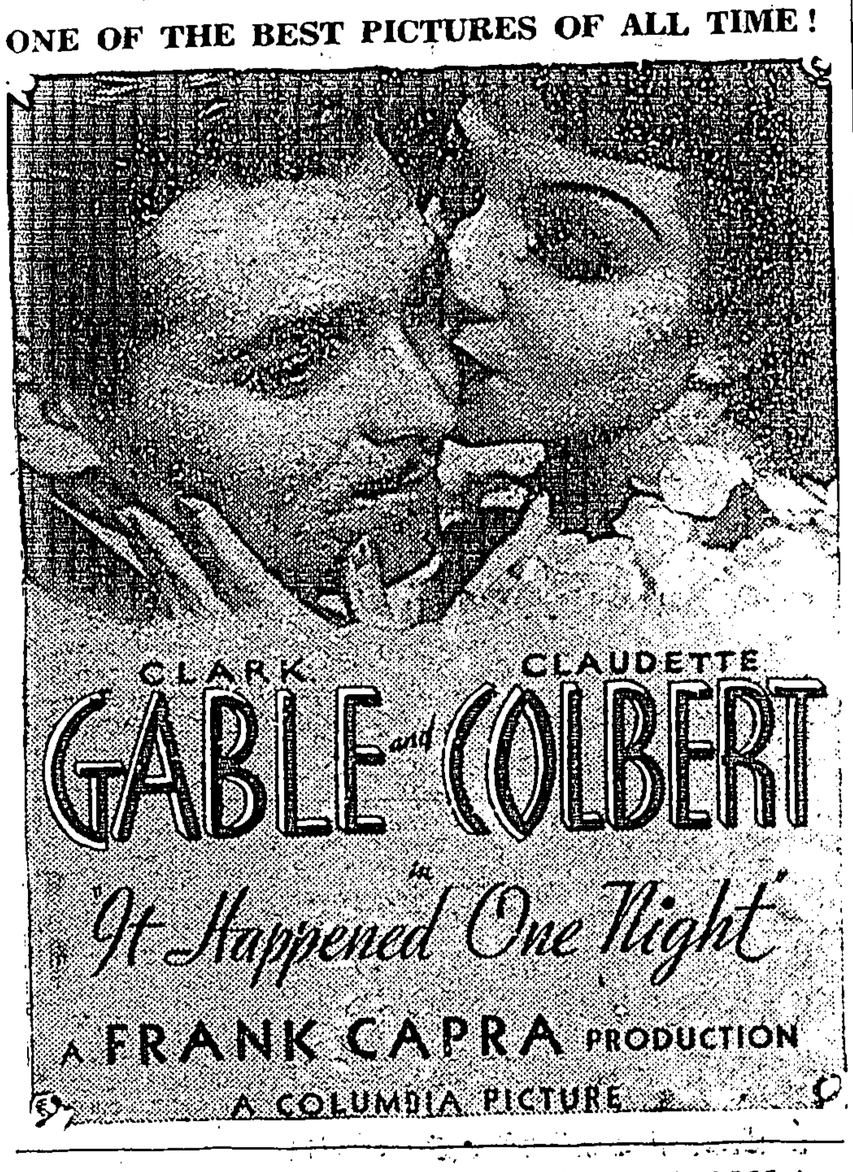

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HITLER WILL BLOW HIMSELF UP, ACCORDING TO HOOVER

THE VIEW THAT HITLER will collapse as a result of his own over-reaching and that the United States should become the bulwark of freedom at home was expressed by Mr. Herbert Hoover, ex-President of the United States, in a radio address to the American nation yesterday.

"The President's policy of sending our warships into danger zones and sending American merchant ships with contraband are steps to war not approved by Congress and not in accord with the spirit of representative government," he added.

Contending that neither isolation nor intervention were wise or possible for America, Mr. Hoover asserted that the U.S. should follow the constructive policy of building an impregnable defence and the bulwark of freedom at home and reserve its strength to help in reconstruction and stabilising peace "when Hitler collapses as the result of his own over-reaching."

England, he declared, could prevent invasion "if we give her the tools and even warships without sending our boys to death either in ships or on land.

"Hitler is on the way to be crushed by victorious forces within his own regime."

"Example"

Mr. Hoover said that the way to spread the ideals of the western world was by the example of "our own country, as it has been proved by bitter experience that it is futile for us to impose freedom and justice upon the world by war."—Reuter.

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TYPHOON

POLICE OFFICERS INJURED

Reports continue to trickle in to police stations of incidents during yesterday's typhoon, and it is now learned that three police officers, two of whom were Europeans, were injured, though not seriously, and that a Portuguese vessel went ashore on Ching I Island.

The European policemen were Sub-Inspector Kellett, of Gough Hill Police Station, and Inspector E. G. Post, of Kowloon City Police Station.

Sub-Inspector Kellett while on patrol yesterday morning was blown over by the force of the wind and taken to hospital with leg injuries. He was not detained.

Inspector E. G. Post was on patrol near Kowloon City Police station with Indian Constable 413, both men being blown over with leg injuries. They are still in Kowloon Hospital.

Police Launch Damaged

Two police launches, No. 9 and 8, were badly damaged while at anchor in the Yaumati shelter. Cabin doors and windows were smashed and a searchlight on No 8 launch was lost overboard.

A Portuguese motor lighter ran aground near Ching I Island, where it was found by No. 3 police launch. All the crew are safe.

The coxswain of a Yaumati ferry boat reports that he sighted two men drifting in the sea at 9 o'clock last night. Owing to the heavy sea no attempt at rescue could be made.

A junk which sank in the typhoon yesterday about 500 yards off the Socony-Vacuum installation at Laichikok is a danger to navigation and mariners are warned to give the area a wide berth.

Beach Matsheds

It is learned that two bathing sheds at Repulse Bay, Nos. 71 and 99, were completely blown out by yesterday's typhoon while 15 others were badly damaged, including the Army Officers' Club shed. The raft was washed ashore, while the barbed wire entanglements also suffered damage.

LIGHTNING STRIKE

Nanking Road, Shanghai's main street, and the Bund and other streets, were blocked by a long row of tramcars as the result of a sudden strike this morning of tram conductors and drivers.

Reason for the lightning walk-out cannot yet be ascertained although it is unconfirmably reported it followed the slapping of one of the conductors by a policeman whose dismissal is now demanded.

The strikers abandoned the cars as soon as the strike call came, leaving thousands of hapless passengers to find the best means of reaching office.—Reuter.

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TYPHOON THEFT

For stealing a copper sign board, the property of the Peninsula Hotel, Wong So, 19, was fined $10 or one month by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

At 2.20 p.m. yesterday while the typhoon was still blowing, accused was seen carrying the board in Hankow Road.

The board was blown from the wall of the Peninsula Hotel by the typhoon and defendant picked it up.

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SYRIAN REPUBLIC RESTORED

General Catroux, C.-in-C. of the Free French forces in the Levant, acting in the name of the Allies, has restored the Syrian Republic, vesting it with authority.

This is in accordance with the promise made by the Allies when the British and Free French forces entered Syria to stop German activities there. — Reuter.

HOOD CASUALTY LIST

When an enemy shell exploded in the magazine and sank the 42,000-tons British battle-cruiser Hood in the battle of May 24 with the German battleship Bismarck—which survived only three days before British warships sent her to the bottom—1,418 men of Hood became casualties, "all missing presumed killed."

Their names occupied 43 pages of an Admiralty casualty list issued in London yesterday consisting of 94 officers, 1,152 ratings, 161 Royal Marines, four Australian naval ratings and seven members of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute.

Four Polish midshipmen and 90 British boys (ratings and Marines) figure in the list.

Officers lost include the noted gunnery expert Vice-Admiral Lancelot Ernest Holland, aged 53, who has been described as one of the most outstanding officers of his generation, and Captain Ralph Kerr, who commanded Hood.

The three survivors picked up included a midshipman aged 17 who was making his first voyage. —Reuter.

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DEATH OF A. B. HOUGHTON

THE DEATH WAS ANNOUNCED IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY (SAYS REUTER) OF ALANSON BIGELOW HOUGHTON, WHO WAS UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN FROM 1925 TO 1929 AND THREE YEARS BEFORE THAT AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY.

Soon after he succeeded Mr. Frank B. Kellogg as Ambassador to Britain in 1925, Mr. Houghton attracted attention by a striking statement which is recalled in the light of present events.

This was "I believe the safety, peace and happiness of the whole world depend on peace between the United States and Great Britain. If we cannot get along who can?" — Reuter.

MUTT AND JEFF — By BUD FISHER

EXECUTION OF "HOSTAGES" FUTILE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Within a few hours of the German authorities in Paris announcing that an additional 10 hostages were executed as reprisal for attacks on Germans, it was revealed that two more attacks on German soldiers had occurred and that the Communist Senator, Marcel Cachin, had been arrested in Rennes. — International News Service.

TAXIMAN ROBBED

Three men who engaged a taxi in Jordan Road at 10.40 p.m. last night, ordered the driver to Shamshuipo and, in Apliu Street, robbed the driver of $5.50, a driving licence and some cigarettes.

ROOSEVELT ON AID TO CHINA

IN SPECIAL SECTIONS of his Lease-Lend Report concerning American aid to China, President Roosevelt says:—"In the case of China, as with Britain, one of the major tasks has been to improve, extend and make secure long communication lines over which the defence articles must be delivered.

"Cargo vessels have been supplied by the United States Maritime Commission to carry the needed goods over the long voyage to Rangoon.

"Overland transport into Free China requires the use of highways, railways, waterways and airlines. Fundamental steps have been taken to strengthen the vital routes.

Paving materials have been delivered and applied for resurfacing China's lifeline, the Burma Road, and a growing fleet of lend-lease trucks are in operation on these civilian supplies. Regular shipments of petrol, motor oils, spare parts and tyres are being provided for the service of these trucks and other vehicles.

"China has virtually limitless manpower which built the Burma Road unaided and is now harnessed to Lend-Lease equipment and materials in the tremendous job of pushing a railway through malarious Yunnan. Under the direction of the United States Public Health Service, a mission has been sent to protect the lives and health of the workers on the vital project.

"Protection of China's highways, her air fields and cities from wanton Japanese aerial attack requires a fleet of modern fighter planes.

Air Force Contracts

"Lend-Lease contracts have been concluded during the past quarter to reinforce the Chinese Air Force. To advise and consult with the Chinese authorities concerning the use of the defence articles already provided as well as those scheduled for future delivery, there has been organised a military mission which is now proceeding to Free China.

"It is expected that the observations of this mission and its conferences with the leaders of the armed forces of China will determine the type of defence equipment best adapted to the actual conditions of warfare in that country and will insure the effective use of equipment provided."—Central News.

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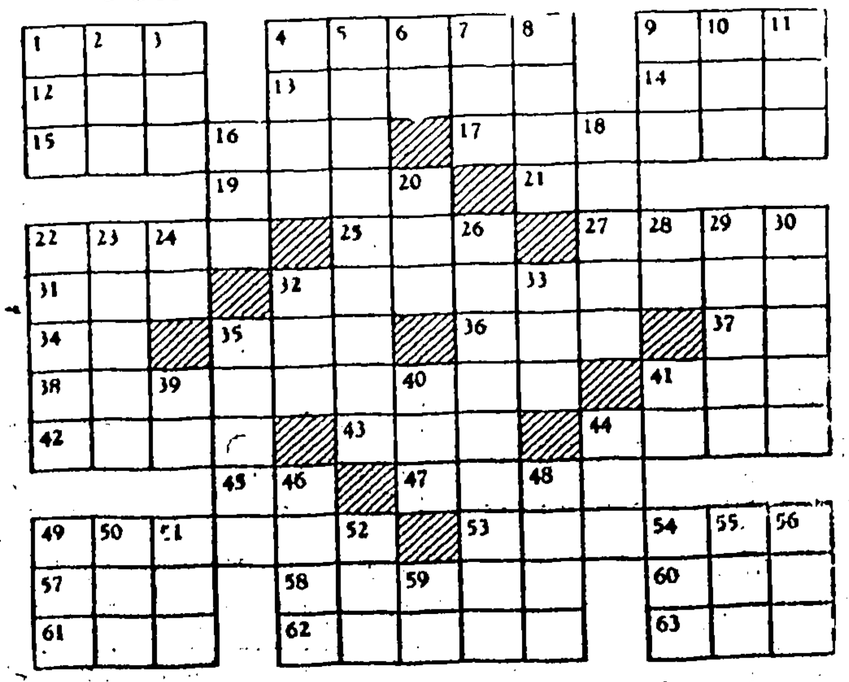

HORIZONTAL
1 To make lace
4 Donated
9 Philippine Island savage
12 Trouble
13 Feeble-minded
14 Humour
15 Grotesque insect
17 Club
19 Small particle
21 Note of scale
22 Flat-bottomed boat
25 Stomach
27 Sea in Russian Turkestan
31 To fall behind
32 To increase
34 Preposition
35 Hawaiian dish
36 Buddhist pillar
37 Symbol for iridium
38 By: dame
41 Crude metal
42 Part of a ship
43 Male swan
44 War god
45 Done
47 Useless plant
49 Counsellor
53 Blue dye
57 Period of time
58 Intended
60 To clip
61 Moist
62 Proverb
63 Woodland deity

VERTICAL
1 Scotch cap
2 Girl's name
3 Weight
4 Rate of movement
5 Colloquial: one who has difficulty in sleeping
6 Six
7 Shade tree
8 To approach
9 Boring tool
10 To fasten
11 Siamese coin
16 Marble
18 Slightest
20 Carpet
22 To move furtively
23 Indian's boat
24 King of Bashan
26 Health
28 Japanese measure
29 Burning
30 Stringed instruments
32 Electrified particle
33 Negative vote
35 Guide
39 Pronoun
40 Base
41 Conjunction
44 To append
46 Body of an organism
48 Heraldic device
49 To cry like a cat
50 Before
51 Burmese demon
52 Scarlet
54 Demon
55 Gazelle
56 To possess
59 Cooled lava

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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CUTTING RED TAPE IN U.S.

A new step to speed Lease and Lend operations by cutting red tape was announced by President Roosevelt at his press conference yesterday but he declined to say whether the Navy would engage in actual convoying to get war supplies overseas.

The President said he had named Mr. Stettinius as special assistant empowered to affix the presidential signature to Lease and Lend documents, thus eliminating 24 hours delay within the White House.

There had already been a reduction in the period between application and final clearance, he added.

Asked whether convoying was one means contemplated for the protection of the flow of war supplies to nations fighting the Axis, President Roosevelt said he thought he had said enough on that subject... but he added that amateur strategists should not think there was only one means of affording protection.

Replying to further questions he declared it depended on the naval situation whether further sinkings or attacks on American-owned commercial ships would be announced, and whether there would be announcements of encounters between American warships and submarines or surface raiders in the western Atlantic.—Reuter.

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LORD HALIFAX ON AMERICA'S DECISION

THE PRESENT CRISIS is proving just how immense the industrial capacity of America is, and at the end of the day this is going to be decisive, declared Lord Halifax, British Ambassador in Washington, in an interview broadcast last night.

In the course of the interview, Lord Halifax gave a glowing account of American aid as he had seen it during 20,000 miles of travelling from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast, from Georgia to New England, to the Middle West.

Describing his visit to the Pacific Coast, Lord Halifax said. "I spoke to the workers in their dinner hour in every shipyard and women who are actually doing the job, and it was fascinating to see America's great industrial machine getting geared up for war production.

"In California, I saw a great shipyard where six months before there was only a vast mud flat. A 10,000-ton cargo ship had already been launched from that yard. From then, to the middle of August, a new ship was to be launched every three weeks until the contract was completed.

The Mainspring

"Night and day the hammers clang without ceasing up and down the two great seaboards, the rivets are being driven home, and the ships are moving down the ways.

"Remember that the mainspring of this is America's own self-defence. But at the same time every man or woman at this vital war production realises that he or she is helping to keep us fed, our factories supplied with materials and weapons placed in our hands for use against the common enemy."

It was the same story in the aircraft industry, said Lord Halifax. Vast factories seemed to spring up from the very ground, production lines were busy night and day turning out fighters and bombers.

"Wherever I went, I found the management and workers alike resolved to do anything they could to help. They are eager to set up new production records."

At Any Moment

Lord Halifax expressed the conviction that American aid will grow week by week because "all the time more of her people are realising how closely this fight affects their lives and all the things which makes life worth living for them. At any moment they may have to make further vital decisions.

IT IS NOT FOR US TO ADVISE THEM WHAT THEY SHOULD DO ABOUT THAT — THEY MUST DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES, BUT WE MUST GO ON SAYING WHAT WE KNOW TO BE TRUE, THAT THE MORE QUICKLY THEY MAKE THEIR FULL WEIGHT FELT, THE SOONER WILL HITLER BE DESTROYED."

Asked as to the relations between America and Britain after the war, Lord Halifax said: "I should have little hope for the future of the world unless I felt that the United States and British Commonwealth would be able to establish, on a permanent foundation, the present friendship and understanding.

The Old Conceptions

"Our relations must be governed by that friendship. If we can really work together, each contributing under God our own special gifts, we can restore the old conceptions of courage, honesty and freedom that the world has honoured for thousands of years.

We can create new conditions of justice and goodwill.

If we do that we shall each have been worthy of our past, and we shall deserve the happier and cleaner world which we all hope to see." — Reuter.

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MESSERSCHMITT SHOT DOWN

An R.A.F. fighter shot down an ME109 off the French coast yesterday morning. — British Wireless.

200 PLANES IN RAID ON GERMANY

Over 200 aircraft of the Bomber Command were engaged in Monday night's operations over Germany and occupied territory.

An Air Ministry communique states: "Shipyards, factories and railways at Hamburg were attacked for some hours by powerful forces of aircraft of the Bomber Command. Many large fires were started.

"Other German ports, including Bremen, Cuxhaven and Wilhelmshaven, were also bombed.

"Docks at Havre were heavily attacked by another force of bombers.

"Aircraft of the Fighter Command during the night continued the attacks on enemy aerodromes in occupied territory.

"From operations nine aircraft of the Bomber Command are missing." — British Wireless.

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GOVERNOR AND ANTI-T.B. ASSOCIATION

The "China Mail" learns that His Excellency Sir Mark Young, K.C.M.G., has shown his interest in the anti-tuberculosis campaign being waged in Hong Kong by honouring the Association with with his patronage.

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DE GAULLE BACK IN ENGLAND

General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces, has returned to London after five months' absence.

During his absence he visited Syria, following the armistice with the Vichy authorities there, and on his way back passed through Cairo and Brazzaville, centre of Free French Equatorial Africa.—Reuter.

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WESTERN DESERT INSPECTION

Indian troops in the Western Desert were inspected yesterday by the Maharajah of Bahawalpore.

Previously the Maharajah was received by King Farouk. He was accompanied to the Palace and introduced to the King by the British Ambassador, Sir Miles Lampson. — Reuter.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE COUNCIL MEETING

It was announced in Bombay yesterday, according to Reuter, that the National Defence Council will be meeting for the first time on October 6, 7 and 8 and the Viceroy will preside.

WAR POLICE MAY RUN UNION

War reserve policemen and special constables in England are to ballot on the question of an association that will enable them to make collective representations for better conditions, and discuss complaints and suggestions.

So far the auxiliary police have not been allowed to join the Police Federation.

Nazi Terror In Oslo

During the last few days the Nazi terror police have made 1,000 arrests in Oslo. Excuse for this action is that a general strike was on the point of breaking.

Lest this should not be believed the Nazis have put out an alternative explanation—that a strike had actually broken out in one of Oslo's largest factories where workmen complained they were deprived of milk rations.

The second excuse is the more likely inasmuch as some 10,000 gallons of Norwegian milk are taken daily from Norway to be sent to German troops as sustenance in the Nazi attack on Soviet Russia.

This robbery in all probability results in there being insufficient milk for the women and children of Oslo workers.

Nazi brutality towards Norwegian workers has been unhesitatingly condemned by the Congress of Swedish Trade Unions which, in a resolution adopted at the Congress, stated that Norwegian Trade Unionists "have fallen in the battle for Norway's freedom and for the right of the Norwegian working class to decide for themselves their own actions within the limits of Norwegian law. We honour their memory which is a fresh link between the northern peoples."—British Wireless.

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BRITAIN DEVISES NEW RAID SHELTER

Before winter comes, Britain's 100,000 surface shelters, also those under construction will be strong enough to withstand the blast of a heavy bomb bursting 15ft. away.

The Home Office has devised a new method of construction, which will give shelters such elasticity that they will not collapse. They can be blown bodily three or four feet in the air without seriously hurting the occupants.

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NO MINES FOUND IN "INNER" HARBOUR

It was learned this morning that no mines have been discovered within the inner limits of the harbour and it seems probable, according to authoritative sources, that the original report was not true. It is thought that in the bad light prevailing other objects in the water were mistaken for mines.

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CAN JAPAN STOP?

Japanese spokesmen persist in their hope that the freezing of Japanese assets and of Allied assets in Japan is not going to mean cessation of all trade. They know as well as we do, particularly from the very frank warnings that come from various quarters, that if Japan's armed forces cross the Siamese border or if there is any hostile gesture against the Dutch East Indies there will be war in the Far East and all Allied relations with Japan will end. If their hopes are sincerely expressed, as we believe they are, they must also be hoping, therefore, that some force in Japan will check the army and navy in mid-career and give pledges of respect for the status quo.

We have no doubt that such forces are at work and may even be getting a thoughtful hearing, because there have been no trumped-up demonstrations of resentment and defiance in Japan since the press made its first angry comment on the freezing orders. We hope they are carrying weight; but the fear remains that the Japanese armed forces cannot now be halted by anything in Japan short of revolution, of which there is no present indication.

Finance Minister Ogura's statement to the effect that Japan's answer must be to get ahead with the establishment of the co-prosperity sphere in greater East Asia sounds much like a warning to those commercial interests which may be pleading with the government to hasten slowly, that there is now no turning back. It is easy enough to see how the military can persuade themselves and argue in Tokyo that there can be no turning back and should be no halt. Their stocks of all essential supplies are low, and even if the British and Americans might licence some traffic in unessentials if Japan stopped in her tracks for a time there is no reason to believe that they would supply such commodities as oil and metal as fast as the war in China alone consumes the reserves. It may seem to the Japanese military that their only course is to make a dash for the sources of supply about the South China Sea, which will make Japan self-sufficient.

The alternative to this is rapid loss of striking power to the point of immobility not more than a year hence and then easy reduction to the status of a third-class power. What worse fate, the army men may reason, could come from defeat in battle? There is no time to waste on the negotiation of little favours. With every day lost Japan will be weaker and the defences that she must storm will be stronger.

From Japan first, and later from Berlin and Paris, have come suggestions that Siam fears the hostile machinations of Great Britain, China and the United States. This, of course, paves the way for a Japanese announcement that what Thailand needs and either craves or ought to crave, is a benevolent Japanese occupation. This would, of course, mean war, whether the Siamese resisted or not; but war in the East is what Germany wants, and the Japanese militarists may well prefer to have war now than very much later.

Planning For Eternity

By Dr. A. D. Lindsay

When people begin to talk about planning, I think of the last time I saw Robert Bridges. We had both been listening to a broadcast by an eminent scientist. He had tried to make our flesh creep with the prospect that in a comparatively short time—say, in about ten thousand years—man might cease to dominate the earth and be replaced by another race of animals, say ants. He had ended by an exhortation to us all to rule our actions in the light of this alarming possibility and so to act now that ten thousand years hence man would still be dominant. We both agreed that the eminent scientist had been talking nonsense because we agreed there is some sense in planning for a week, a month, or sometimes even a few years ahead; much sense always in planning for eternity; and no sense whatever in planning ahead for ten thousand years.

In this age when men talk so much of planning, I think that is worth bearing in mind. Nations have had four-year plans, five-year plans even ten-year plans. They will soon be trying to break records in the length of their planning periods. Ten thousand years, of course, is planning ahead with a vengeance, and is agreed to be silly. But when does planning become silly because it looks too far ahead? Are not long views supposed to be especially wise? When do they become so long that they become foolish?

Why it is silly to plan for ten thousand years ahead is that we have no power of controlling what is ten thousand years ahead, and reasonable planning clearly must bear some relation to power of control. But how little power of control we often have over much nearer events! There are ways of increasing control over events and increasing consequently the range of planning. Dictators can make far-reaching plans more easily than others because they have, or think they have, gained undisputed control over millions of men. That planning is done at a price—a price of a huge concentration of power into the hands of one man or of a few, and the submission of all the others to being planned. When men plan in that way, the lust for power which it involves sooner or later destroys them and often their victories too. You remember the parable in the Gospels about planning? "The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: and he thought within himself, saying What shall I do: I will pull down my barns and build greater and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease: eat, drink and be merry. But God said unto him. Thou fool; this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." That might be called an anti-planning parable, and the next verse in St. Luke seems even more to condemn planning. "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat." But two chapters further on there are two pro-planning parables, the first of which says, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him."

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Worship Of Organisation

It is not planning that is wrong but the spirit in which we plan may be. If we say to ourselves: "We are going to think things out and see that they are done. We are so much cleverer and abler and more thoughtful than anyone else; we must have the power to do it"—we easily go from that to scheming and planning for power and nothing but power. We easily come to think of our fellow human beings as mere atoms to be planned, toy bricks to be built into our beautiful architectural scheme. I often come across clever young men who are entirely taken up with elaborate schemes in which they are going to put everything right and everybody but themselves in his neatly assigned place. Planning and making schemes is such fun that they forget that being planned, being treated by them as a cog or brick to go meekly into the place designed by someone else, is not nearly so pleasant or amusing.

This proud, self-confident, arrogant planning, against which the Gospel parable of the rich man warns us, necessarily leads to disaster. It leads to a scramble for power and thence to war. But there is something more idiotic about it even than that. It leads to a worship of organisation and planning for its own sake. A means becomes an end. You must have noticed that the Nazis and the Fascists are always proclaiming as their fundamental gospel that men and women must sink their personalities in the State, must entirely devote themselves to the State. But if you divorce the State from the personalities of the men and women who compose it, there is nothing in the State left but organisation. All this high-sounding stuff about the individual being nothing and the State everything is just silly nonsense—for it means that plans and organisation are everything and there is nothing to plan for.

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A Nation Must Discover Its Faith

No, if a nation is to plan and to take thought for the future, as it must, it must begin by men and women taking counsel together as to what they really want, what the ends are in their common life for which they care most and which they think most precious. But that means asking themselves what their own fundamental faith is. The anti-planning parable ends, you remember, by saying, "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." A nation cannot, any more than an individual, ask itself what it really wants without discovering its faith: without at least asking itself if it has any faith, if there are some things in its life for which it is prepared to die. But that is not planning. It is the indispensable preliminary to it—at least to what I called at the beginning of this talk "planning with a view to eternity"—considering the eternal values which are worth more than this temporal fortune or that. A healthy or a secure society does not need to trouble to give reasons for the faith that is in it. It takes the faith for granted as it does the air it breathes. But when its faith is attacked, it is bound to ask itself searching questions—to be sure that its way of life is something real and precious. When a man is pulled up like that, when he is roused out of his complacency and his taking of things for granted, he says to himself, "What do I stand for, or what do I really believe?" When he answers that question honestly, the next question he asks himself is, "Why don't I live more as if I did believe that?" Then the best kind of planning can begin.

So with a nation. When we are pulled up, as we are now, with an attack on all we think most precious; when that attack makes us say, "Yes, we do really care about decency, and kindliness and respect of other people's rights, and all that we think really matters in English life: we go on to ask ourselves why do not we behave more as if we did: then we begin to ask, why have we stood by and done so little about unemployment? Why have we suffered the frightful inequalities of our social system? Why have we allowed there to be one law for the rich and another for the poor? Why has it taken a war to make us find out what evacuation has taught us in a few months? There are lots and lots of questions like that which rise in our minds now. We are finding that we have got a faith. Now that it is attacked, we are sure of it. But we have rather forgotten that we had a faith before the attack upon it came. I have been reading a book about Nazism, which accounts for the spread of all that dreadful nonsense by saying that the people of Central Europe had no faith in anything. They believed the irrational nonsense Nazism because to have a rational faith had somehow become impossible. I think we have found in this trial that we have a faith left, but we see also how unreal we had allowed it to become, and how little our faith had in any part in our busy contriving.

Such searchings of the heart seem to me the beginning of all fruitful planning asking ourselves what we really care for, what we really believe; asking ourselves where we have most fallen short of our faith, most failed to live up to what we really care about. Then it will take all our thinking and contriving and organising and planning to see that the sores in our social life are cured; that the things we care about and say we are fighting for become real, not only for a few fortunate people but for every man, woman and child in the country.

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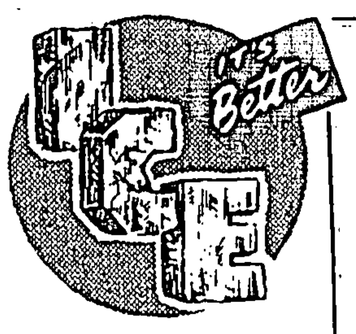

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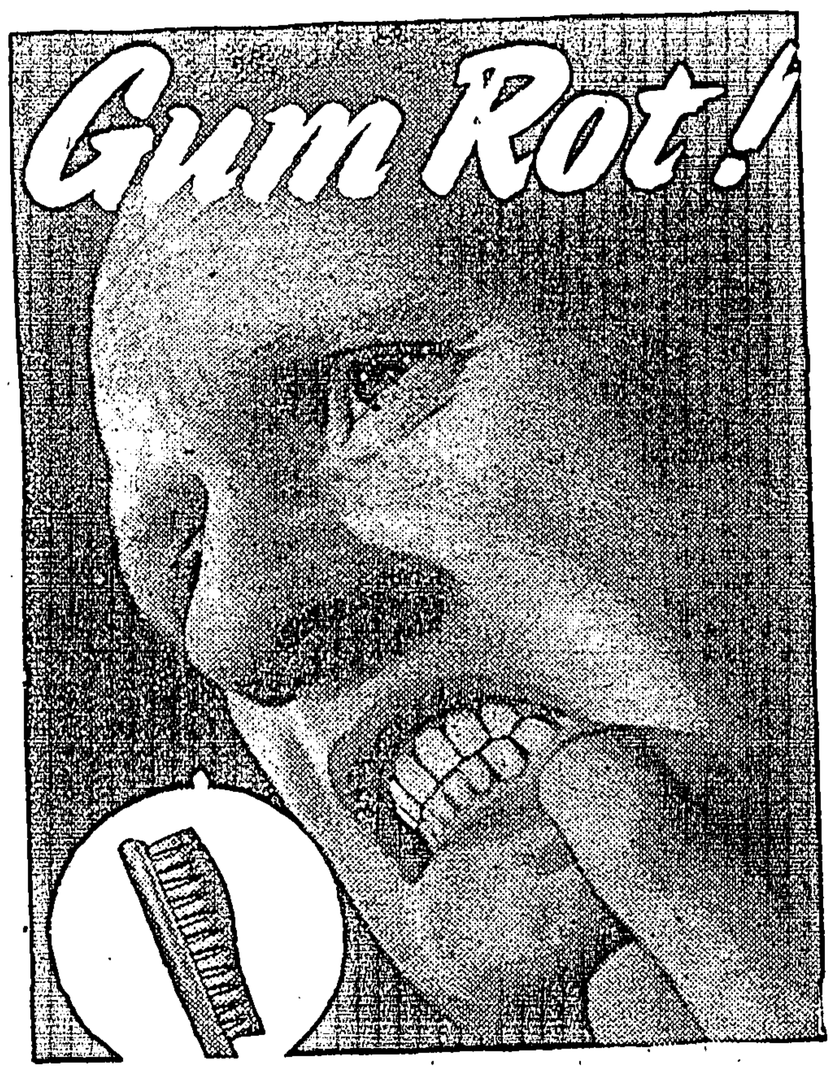

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Bulgarian Reply To Soviet Note Of Warning

THE BULGARIAN Government has categorically denied adopting "a disloyal attitude" towards Russia, according to a Sofia despatch to the German official news agency yesterday.

The Bulgarian Government, it is added, "knows nothing" of any provocative action on Bulgarian soil.

These statements are contained in the Bulgarian Government's reply to the recent protest by the Russian Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Molotov, regarding anti-Russian activities in Bulgaria. The reply was made through the Bulgarian Minister in Moscow on Monday.

Categorically declaring that all the Soviet assertions that Bulgaria has adopted a disloyal attitude towards Russia are untrue, the Note says the Bulgarian Government is specially surprised by the assertion that Bulgaria has become a base for Italo-German hostilities against Russia.

Knows Nothing

The Note ascribes these assertions to radio propaganda, adding "Bulgaria has merely taken a course corresponding to her interests. The Government knows nothing of any provocative action against the Soviet Union on Bulgarian soil."

The Note maintains that Russian bombs have been dropped on Bulgarian soil and also that one parachutist, whose identity has been established, has been landed.

The attitude of the Bulgarian press is stated to be merely the logical outcome of that adopted by the Russian press and radio.

"Purely Defence"

The Note further protests againts the assertion that the recent changes in the Bulgarian penal regulations indicate preparation for an attack on Russia.

These measures, it is stated, are "purely defensive and precautionary" and the question is purely an internal one.

Finally the Note declares Russia is misinformed. Otherwise Russia, it is declared, would "have no serious grounds for complaining of Bulgaria's disloyalty or of aggressive intentions." — Reuter.

Doubts Expressed

Satisfaction is felt in London at the announcement of the abdication of the Shah of Persia who was so clearly out of sympathy with the movement for constitutional reform which has made rapid headway recently.

Nomination of the Crown Prince as his successor, however, arouses no special enthusiasm in London and doubts are freely expressed as to whether one who has been so closely associated with the former regime will meet the requirements of the present situation.

So far as the British Government is concerned their main desire is to see installed on the Persian throne one who has the support of his people, is prepared to work as a constitutional monarch, is ready to put an end to the abuses from which Persia and the Persian people have suffered and will refrain from hampering the larger causes of the Allied Governments.

As viewed in London the whole situation in Iran appears to be moving in the direction of the establishment of a constitutional regime which will bring Persia into the scheme of collaboration with the Allied war effort.

No Further Delay

The advance to Teheran of the British and Soviet forces in equal numbers has, as already reported, been rendered necessary by the need for strengthening the Persian Government in assuring compliance in the demand for the handing over of German nationals and the closing of Axis-controlled Legations.

All developments in this connection have been most closely watched in London where the British Foreign Secretary has had the utmost cooperation from the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky, and the decisions reached for the advance of troops was taken some days ago. With the willing assistance of the Persian Government there will be no further delay or equivocation.—British Wireless.

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SIR ISIDORE SALMON DEAD

The death of Sir Isidore Salmon was announced in London yesterday.

Sir Isidore, who was chairman and managing director of the great catering firm of Lyons and Co., was M.P. for Harrow, and had a distinguished public career, serving on many Royal Commissions and committees.

He was hon. catering adviser to the War Office and it is on the basis of his report made in 1938 that the great Army cooking organisation, under which 96 centres have trained 60,000 cooks, was built up. — British Wireless.

THAI ARMY CHANGES

Four major reshuffles in Thai Army commands, including the anti-aircraft regiment, were officially announced in Bangkok last night.

The Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Thai Army is promoted Adviser on Defence Affairs.

The officer commanding the A.A. regiment is appointed officer commanding the First Army Command.

The chief of the A.A. section becomes officer commanding the A.A. regiment.

The Under-Secretary at the Defence Ministry additionally is appointed Assistant Commander-in-Chief of administration and technical affairs.

Meanwhile, with the aid of lectures and demonstrations, the Thai public is being intensively educated to become air-minded. — Reuter.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The first reading of five new Bills, including that conferring militia status on the police forces and that increasing the betting duty, will be taken to-morrow in Legislative Council, at which H. E. Sir Mark Young will preside for the first time.

NO CONFIRMATION IN U.S. OF PEACE RUMOURS

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY no confirmation at the White House or the State Department concerning press reports from London, Shanghai and Tokyo regarding American-Japanese relations and alleging that an agreement is near or has already been reached between Washington and Tokyo.

There is no indication of the month-old discussions bearing fruit and so fas as is known, President Roosevelt has not replied to the Konoye letter.

Optimistic reports and the peace offensive are entirely Japanese inspired and since the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, has insisted that the exploratory talks have not reached the stage of negotiations, there is obvious reason to believe that no final agreement has been reached.

It is generally believed to be impossible for the United States and Japan immediately to reach a fundamental settlement, as the policies of the two countries are diametrically opposed. Unless Japan scraps her traditional aggressive policy or the United States abandons her Far Eastern policy, there can be no genuine and permanent settlement.

Furthermore, despite Prince Konoye's friendly gestures, scepticism is increasing because there is no indication of peaceful Japanese intentions and it is believed she is just playing for time.

Showdown Not Feared

President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull who are personally handling the talks are moving cautiously and with Japan's bargaining power weakening, the United States does not fear a showdown. High officials discourage optimism concerning the immediate outlook, causing competent observers to agree that at least only a temporary truce can be reached.

The United States has no intention of relaxing economic pressure, although Japan is attempting to get concessions from Washington. The departure to China this week of the Magruder Mission is accepted as an official answer to the widespread rumours that a rapprochement is in the making.

Official circles reveal that there is absolutely no truth in the rumoured "deal" between the United States and Japan involving a "sell-out" of China. First official assurance came from Senator Walter George who says the United States will not desert Chungking. He emphasised that any settlement must take into consideration the interests of the Chinese Government. — Central News.

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DUKE OF KENT TO BROADCAST

The Duke of Kent will broadcast in the 6 o'clock news to-day. His talk will be heard throughout the Empire. — British Wireless.

U.S. NAVY STRIPPED FOR ACTION

SINCE "ZERO HOUR" (ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT) THE UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET, STRIPPED FOR ACTION, HAS BEEN TAKING UNDER ARMED PROTECTION ALL LEASE AND LEND CARGOES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ICELAND.

The widely accepted view in authoritative quarters in Washington is that this means actual convoying.

That the statement of the Secretary of Navy, Col. Frank Knox, was broader than the "shoot at sight" policy set forth by President Roosevelt, was the expressed opinion of naval strategists.

They declared the adequate protection of merchantmen meant convoys as the only certain way of ensuring the protection of all ships at the crucial moment of attack.

FOR ITS TASK OF WATCH-DOG OVER THE PRICELESS CARGOES OF AID TO BRITAIN THE ATLANTIC FLEET IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY MORE THAN 125 VESSELS.

These include three old battleships assigned to it when it was created a year ago, while the Fleet has been steadily growing by the addition of newly-built vessels, and probably by transfers from the Pacific Fleet.

Meanwhile the U.S. Navy Department has announced that every naval vessel authorised by law has been contracted for "in creation of the greatest array of fighting ships under one flag the world has ever seen."

In Battle Line

It is disclosed that two of six new 35,000-ton dreadnoughts, the "North Carolina" and "Washington," have been added to the battle line this month, giving the United States 17 battleships in actual service.

The Navy Department also stated that a survey of vessels in the course of construction and contracted for revealed "astounding progress" in the accelerated building of the two-ocean navy.

A total of 2,831 combat and auxiliary ships has been ordered since January 1, 1940, at a cost of $7,234,262,178.—Reuter.

NEW FIGHTER PROGRESS

"Two new developments which are just around the corner will add immeasurably to the striking power of American fighting 'planes," writes the "Wall Street Journal" yesterday.

"One is the 20-millimetre gun which will fire from the wing of the 'plane instead of through the propellor, and the other is the fire control device which will permit the use of range finders in aeroplanes together with a centralised control for multi-turret 'planes.

"This is a radical departure from the orthodox armament practice. Because of the heavier recoil and heavier mountings, wing cannons have not been used until now.

"The Lansing, Michigan, Oldsmobile Works Division of the General Motors Corporation is starting production on a £3,000,000 order of these Hispano-Suiza rapid-fire cannons. The firing rate of this weapon is 575 shells per minute," the "Journal" says.

According to the newspaper, other fire-power development is a device perfected by the Fairchild Aviation Corporation.

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REFUSAL TO CALL OFF STRIKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MR. JOHN L. LEWIS, THE AMERICAN LABOUR LEADER, YESTERDAY REFUSED THE REQUEST OF THE NATIONAL DEFENCE MEDIATION BOARD TO ORDER THE "IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION" OF WORK IN COAL MINES THROUGHOUT THE NATION.

Forty thousand miners are involved in the strike.

Mr. William H. Davis, Chairman of the Board, said he does not regard Mr. Lewis' stand as a final refusal.—International News Service.

BRIGADIER POTTS THANKED

King Haakon of Norway recently received Brigadier A. E. Potts, who was in command of the Spitzbergen raid, and extended most cordial thanks for the part played by the Canadian troops.—British Wireless.

ROOSEVELT AND AMATEUR STRATEGISTS

Replying to a query whether convoying was one means of protecting the flow of Lease and Lend supplies, President Roosevelt said yesterday that amateur strategists should not assume there was only one means.—Reuter.

Queen's Property Seized

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands has had all her property seized by the German occupation authorities in the Netherlands.

The order of seizure applies also to all property belonging to living members of the House of Orange-Nassau, states a Hague despatch to the German news agency.

The confiscation is based on a decree dealing with persons who foster anti-German sentiments.

In one announcement issued by the Reich Commissar it is stated that "the former Queen Wilhelmina has excluded herself from the unity of the new Europe by her persistence in adhering to the Bolshevik-capitalistic front." — Reuter.

PARTING SHOTS

HOW THE PARTING SHOTS OF A DAMAGED HEINKEL WOUNDED THE CREW OF A BRITISH BLENHEIM IS TOLD BY THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

The Blenheim, on patrol off the Norwegian coast, had sighted the Heinkel and attacked it, getting in a heavy burst.

The Nazi machine made for the clouds with only one gun firing but six of the bullets entered the Blenheim, wounding all three members of the crew.

Hero of the event was the wounded gunner who had reached over the unconscious observer and endeavoured to send out signals to base, persisting in each attempt until he collapsed time and time again.

The Blenheim was found by searching aircraft and guided to a base in the Shetlands where the crew found refuge in hospital.—British Wireless.

PANAMA DEMANDS INDEMNITIES

The Panamanian Government has instructed its Minister in Berlin to present a formal protest to the German Government regarding the sinkings of the steamships "Sessa" and "Montana," advising him to claim indemnity.

Decision in this regard was taken at yesterday morning's Cabinet session. — Reuter.

FOUND WITH ROPE ROUND NECK

A dead body, with a rope round the neck, was found on the roadside in Chuk Yuen Ling Village, Kowloon City, at 10 a.m. this morning.

The victim, believed to be around 17 years of age, was believed to have been murdered, although there were no other signs of violence.

The police are investigating.

ALLEGED CHOPPER CONFESSION

Ng Chuen, 24, was fined $100 or six weeks by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for unlawful possession of a chopper in Hau Wo Street yesterday.

According to Detective Sergeant C. Popé, he admitted that he was a member of a "society" and he bought the chopper to fight.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service was held yesterday for Sir Hugh Stephenson, late adviser to the Secretary for Burma and an ex-Governor of Burma. — British Wireless.

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WITNESS DECLINES ANSWER

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The fact was that Messrs. Leigh and Orange notified P.W.D. of damage done to the godown of one of their clients, Mr. Carman added, and went on to say that on October 23. P.W.D. wrote to Leigh and Orange in regard to the damage, and agreed on $40 compensation.

Chairman: Why was it necessary to submit that account to you?—I presume that all the cost of the tunnelling job was paid by us, I don't know. . . .

Anyway, it was paid through you and 10 per cent. was charged?—Yes, it was a disbursement.

Timber Purchases

Mr. Carman then went on to say that he had been asked to produce a complete list of timber merchants his firm had dealt with and he did this. He also said "You requested information regarding Kwan Hip Sing, did they make us an offer, or did we request them to quote."

On February 10, Mr. Carman said, his firm received a quotation from Kwan Hip Sing for 5,000 pieces of sleepers at $3.90 each. On February 11, they (Marsman's) purchased 5,000 sleepers from Kwan Hip Sing at $3.90 each but only took delivery of 3,500 pieces, rejecting the balance of 1,500.

Chairman: Yes, what next?—You wanted to know who paid the passages for the Filipino bosses on the job. Due to the necessity of having skilled bosses on the job, it was verbally agreed. . .

With whom?—It was approved by Mr. Campbell.

It was verbally agreed by Mr. Campbell?—A memorandum was submitted to Mr. Campbell and he approved it.

He gave you nothing in writing?—He signed the memorandum, "approved by Mr. Campbell."

Witness then produced the memorandum and after reading it the chairman said, "It is apparently a personal note to him. Dear Mr. Campbell . . . Yours very truly, S. E. Lavrov.

Verbally Agreed

Witness then went on to say that the next information the Commission wanted was whether any written permission had been given by Mr. Pearce, Mr. Bishop or Mr. Campbell to house the Filipino bosses in the Kowloon Hotel. Witness went on to say that they had no written permission, but it was verbally agreed by Mr. Campbell and the bill was signed and paid for by Government.

Continuing, Mr. Carman said the next question was, "Have you some tunnels complete? Detail them." He then went on to say that sites Nos. 2 and 9, Arsenal Street and Electric Power Station, had been completed and can house 17,500 people. They are complete with two shafts. These tunnels had stone wall lining, portals, benches, mechanical ventilation, emergency lighting and emergency gates.

Chairman: Have they got any sanitary arrangements?—The actual pails and buckets are not installed but there is space for them.

Mechanical Ventilation

The other ones? — Sites 6 and 7, at Smith Lane, with a total footage of 3,200 ft., can accommodate 10,000 people. This is complete with two shafts and mechanical ventilation.

Referring to sites 1 and 13, witness said that a total footage of 2,500 ft., had been completed with accommodation for 9,000 persons. These tunnels were completed with shafts and mechanical ventilation but there was no emergency lighting, but oil lamps would be provided.

On sites 33 and 10, witness said that approximately 10,000 feet had been done, with accommodation for 30,000 people. These were complete with two shafts and two exhaust fans, with improvements as above stated. On all the other sites the tunnelling had been completed, except at Aberdeen, and can accommodate two-thirds of capacity from 8 to 18 hours.

"As soon as mechanical ventilation had been installed, they will be able to accommodate full capacity for 24 hours," Mr. Carman added.

Witness went on to state that the last time he appeared before the Commission he was asked how many of the tunnels can accommodate the full capacity for 24 hours. That, he said, was a very rigid question. At first, witness went on, it was not thought necessary to hold people for 24 hours. The idea was obtained from experiences in Chungking where people use the tunnels from two to three hours at a time.

From Engineers

Chairman: Who told you the tunnels could accommodate two-thirds of capacity from 8 to 18 hours? — I got that from our engineers and P.W.D. engineers.

P.W.D. engineers told you the tunnels could accommodate two-thirds of the capacity load from 8 to 18 hours? — I don't say that, but from the data before me I should think they will agree with that.

Have you made any practical tests? — In no particular tunnel have we made a complete test aside from the first experiment.

This statement then is a theoretical one? — Yes.

What is the next point? — You asked how many sites had ventilating shafts. On all sites, ex-

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BRIDGE NOTES

AVOIDING A GUESS

By The Four Aces

South avoided a guess on his optimistically bid slam by employing the rare Vienna coup.

North, Dealer.
North-South vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 8 4
♡ A K 2
◇ A J 10 6
♣ A K 4 2

WEST
♠ 6 5
♡ J 10 9
◇ K 9 8 4
♣ Q 10 8 5

EAST
♠ A 7 3 2
♡ Q 8 7 5 4
◇ 7 2
♣ 6 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 9
♡ [illegible]
◇ [illegible] 3
♣ J 9 7

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4◇	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the Jack of hearts, dummy winning with the King. Dummy returned a low trump, East played low, and South won with the King. Since entries to his hand were few, South immediately led a low diamond, winning a finesse with dummy's ten. Another low trump was returned, East ducked again, and South won with the spade Queen.

It was a little too dangerous to finesse diamonds again, before drawing trumps, so South next led the Jack of spades. East took the trump Ace and returned a heart, forcing out dummy's Ace. And at this point South foresaw that he would have a terrific guess later on unless he took preventive measures.

From the fall of the hearts, West apparently had only a three-card holding in the suit; and he had started with only two trumps. Hence West was likely to be long in both minors. If West had started with four or more diamonds, dummy's fourth diamond could not be set up for the vital club discard. But if South blanked dummy's top clubs, the other hope—the establishment of the club Jack—might actually come about without South's being sure about it.

To remove this guess, Declarer cashed dummy's top clubs then and there — the Vienna coup of setting up an adverse winner so as to squeeze the holder more effectively later on. Then he ruffed the third heart and led his last trump. West then found it impossible to hold the club Queen and all his diamonds, so discarded the club Queen. Thereupon South cashed the club Jack and made his slam with another diamond finesse.

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 10 7 5
♡ 8
◇ K J 5 2
♣ Q 9 4 3

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maier
1♠	2♡	2♣	3♡
4♠	5♡	(?)	

ANSWER: Pass. You cannot double, and should not bid five spades since your partner may be eager to double five hearts for penalties.

Score 100% for pass, 60% for double, 40% for five spades.

Question No. 823

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maier
1♠	1♡	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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New Awards For Courageous Needs

Reports of courageous deeds by British and Indian officers and men in the fighting in the Western Desert are made in the following announcements of immediate awards by the Commander-in-Chief, Middle East.

Military Cross: Lieut. N. B. Thomas, King George V Own Bengal Sappers and Miners; Lieut. A. G. Cameron, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

Military Medal: Private M. Moon, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders; L/Sgt. R. Davidson Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

Indian Distinguished Service Medal: Subadar Feroz Khan, 6th Rajputana Rifles; Hav. Bhima Ram I.O.M., 6th Rajputana Rifles Hav. Sardara Ram, 6th Rajputana Rifles; Sepoy Babu Desai, 5th Mahratta Light Infantry; L/Naik Dharman, Indian Signal Corps.

These awards are all given in connection with the fighting in the Sollum — Halfaya — Capuzzo Triangle during June. Accompanied by tanks the Rajputana Rifles and Mahrattas advanced across the coastal plain in an attack on Halfaya Pass, which was strongly held by the Germans.

Took Command

Sepoy Babu Desai, who comes from Morwane Village near Ratnagiri, was in charge of a Bren-gun when his section commander was wounded. He took command, silenced an enemy gun and, although wounded, led his section onwards. Any movement in the gullies drew intense fire.

L/Naik Dharman, throughout the three days battle, was in charge of a cable laying party and he showed a complete disregard for his own safety in laying cable by hand under artillery, mortar and small arms fire. His village is Sarakalpatti, near Katpadi in North Arcot District.

The enemy brought up large reinforcements from Tobruk, and, having accomplished their object, our forces were withdrawn. The Rajputana Rifles had a very difficult time during the withdrawal, being attacked from the front, flank and later from the rear by tanks and motorised infantry. Subadar Feroz Khan, who was in charge of a 3-inch mortar platoon, immediately appreciated the serious threat to the battalion, and directed accurate mortar fire on to the enemy from an exposed position swept by machine-gun fire.

Resolute Action

There is no doubt that his coolness and resolute action enabled the withdrawal to be made in good order in spite of determined efforts to cut the battalion off. Subadar Feroz Khan comes from Jaitpura village in Gujerat district.

Havildar Sardara Ram, who is from Jaitpura village in Bikaner State, was in charge of one of the mortar teams concerned in this action and worked with the greatest gallantry under orders of his Subadar. He afterwards with the greatest deliberation brought his team out of action complete in all respects.

Meanwhile, rifle companies were coming back. Havildar Bhima Ram, who had been awarded the I.O.M. for great gallantry and leadership, although wounded during the first battle of Keren, and who comes from Guhha village in Hissar District, was severely wounded during the attack on the previous day. He refused to be evacuated and continued to lead his platoon although wounded again. When ordered back he insisted on helping to get away other men, some of whom were less severely wounded than himself.

TO STOP WAR CRIME

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Before the war these squads specialised in inquiries into particular classes of crime. These included the operations of share-pushers, confidence tricksters and similar types of criminals, whose activities have been curtailed by the war.

The bulk of the present-day investigations concern looting offences against the Defence Regulations, inquiries for the many new Government departments, food thefts and charity racketeers. It is to handle these that the crime squads are being reshuffled.

Increasing numbers of inquiries on behalf of the Services have necessitated the setting up of a special department for this purpose at Scotland Yard. A chief detective-inspector has been appointed liaison officer between the Services and Scotland Yard.

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CAMERA OFFENCE

Lai Chan, of Mayfair Studio, was fined $10 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for possession of a camera in Aberdeen, at about 2.30 p.m. on August 23.

Lai Kam-fong, of No. 12, Wu Pak Street, was fined $10 for a similar offence.

Sergeant G. Davis prosecuted.

V

ON $2,000 BAIL

Chan Ping-nam, money changer, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with unlawful possession of a private code at No. 34 Des Voeux Road Central, ground floor, yesterday.

Defendant was remanded for further enquiries, and bail of $2,000 was allowed.

V

Mr. H. Hallgren, of No. 513, The Peak, has reported the theft of a name plate and electric bulbs from his garage yesterday evening.

When the mentally sketchy girl-friend's beau tells her he's working on a sliding scale she thinks he's talking about weights and measures.

Does Your Baby Sleep Soundly?

Babies need plenty of sleep when their rest is disturbed through any cause their general health suffers. One of the first signs that something is wrong with an infant is disturbed sleep.

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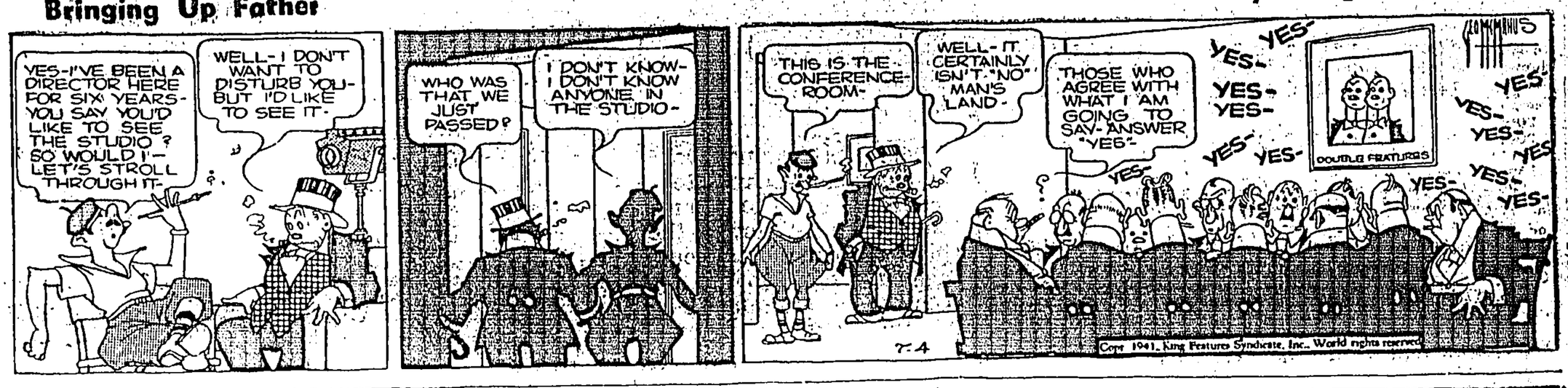

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

STUBBORN SKIN BEAUTIFIED

There is a condition of complexion which I call "stubborn." It is neither blemished noticeably nor is it excessively oily. But it appears to be slightly "bumpy" beneath the three layers of skin. In a candid light it looks rough instead of smooth and no amount of creaming seems to benefit it.

Such a skin is a very lazy one. Through no fault of its own it is not being fed sufficiently from the blood stream (through lack of exercise) and it is not getting enough sunshine. To remedy these conditions one must give it external exercise, not through cream massage, but by scrubbing it with a complexion brush and bland soap suds, or by scrubbing it with some coarse grains which are manufactured for the purpose.

The soap treatment may follow a cream cleansing. You take the moistened brush and dip it into soap suds and then scrub your face not too gently. Follow this with a thorough rinsing with warm water and cold splashings.

One uses the coarse grains after a soap and water face washing. You think soap and water should take off all the surface soil, but once you begin to rub your complexion with a palm full of these little grains you will get the surprise of your life. For they extract much deep lying grime and all the surface dead skin. This rolls off as you massage and leaves the skin feeling as soft as a baby's. Such a treatment should be repeated at least three times a week.

Exquisitely tanned by the sun but soft as velvet is Lynn Bari's complexion. She avoids excess of cosmetics.

Of course for permanent correction the victim of a stubborn skin condition should exercise more — exercise sufficiently to create a good perspiration thus forcing the face pores to open up and discharge any grime or body wastes which might be deep-lying.

The daily habit of warm and cold water dousings is also an excellent follow up treatment after using the coarse grains.

Go Easy With Creams

Many skins blossom out with a crop of minor blemishes from the use of too many cosmetics and from applying fresh make-up over tired make-up. Such an unhealthy habit should be corrected at once. One's skin should always be clean before the application of any powder, rouge or lipstick.

During the summer months, once you get some colour in your face from sun bathing, let your skin go free of make-up as much as you can. Give it a chance to benefit by the fresh air and sun and water. Lubricate at night if it is dry, but do not cover it during the day with unnecessary creams and make-up. When winter comes we find it more essential to point up our fading beauty with cream and make-up. Of course tender skin, or fair skin which is easily sun burned, should always be protected by a well chosen lubricant, and one should not sit hours under the direct sun's rays without a complexion protection.

ONE WAY TO REDUCE

You can reduce your measurements without over over-strenuous exercise or drastic dieting.

Get rid of those extra inches by attacking the causes.

Generally these are (a) lack of the right kind of exercise, (b) wrong feeding.

Here are the remedies.

1. Scientific Exercise. — This breaks down the fat cells and tones up the muscles. Do the exercises given in each article night and morning, adding the new ones as they appear.

2. Careful Dieting. — Wrong feeding helps the fat cells to build up layers everywhere, especially over the shoulders and chest, seat and hips.

Perhaps you think that with rationing they won't get much chance, but believe me they take a lot of discouraging. Exercise combined with careful diet is the only sure way to move them.

* * *

ESSENTIAL DIET RULES.

Eat nothing at all between meals.

Drink between meals — not with them, except at breakfast.

At tea time have a cup of tea, but eat nothing.

Eat other meals as usual.

Take wholemeal instead of white bread.

Avoid . . . thick gravies, sauces and soups, pastry, sweets and cakes. Remember that one feed of cakes or sweets will undo good work of weeks.

Do not take sugar in tea or coffee.

Do eat green vegetables and fresh salads, watercress, stewed or fresh fruit whenever you can get it.

Remember it is superfluous flesh you need to lose. Don't imagine that you have to make yourself skinny.

Find out the normal weight for your height and age, then aim at reducing 1½lb. to 2lb. a week.

* * *

Exercise 1.—To move fat from the back of the shoulders and upper arms.

Stand with left foot forward, left knee bent, arms sideways, palms upward and fists lightly clenched.

Draw imaginary circles in the air with the fists. The arms should move upwards—a little above shoulder level to begin each circle—and backwards and downwards a little below to finish it.

Make sixteen circles, then drop the arms to the sides and, standing with feet together, raise and lower heels steadily four times.

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Exercise 2. — This reduces the bust and flattens the tummy.

Lie on the floor with knees bent. Swing left arm forward and up, swing it down, repeat with right arm.

Swing both arms forward and up, stretching them up and back as far as possible, swing arms down. Keep the knees bent and mark time lightly with toes, with light stamps with the whole foot.

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GAVE LIFE IN RAID RESCUE

The posthumous award of the George Cross to a member of the Home Guard who "showed the highest form of cool courage and self-sacrifice for others" is announced by the War Office.

The Home Guard' Section Cmdr. [Sergeant] George Walter Inwood, was called upon by the police to assist in rescue duty during an intense air-raid in Birmingham in October.

Taking charge of a party of six volunteers, he found that several people were imprisoned in a cellar filled with gas. A small hole was made and Section Cmdr. Inwood was lowered into the cavity. He managed to rescue two men, and although nearly exhausted entered the cavity a third time and was overcome by the fumes. He was dragged out by one of his comrades, but it was impossible to revive him.

The George Medal has been awarded to Capt. (temp. Maj.) G. B. Matthews, the Dorsetshire Regt., for his resourcefulness and courage. When four wounded men were left marooned after an explosion in a minefield surrounded by unexploded mines and mutilated bodies, Maj. Matthews placed planks over the barbed wire entanglements enclosing the field and so reached the survivors and assisted them to safety.

Other recipients of the George Medal are:

Driver (I.C.) C. M. Mitchell, Signalman R. H. Tinto, War Subs. Lt. (temp. Capt.) J. Weston, Platoon Cmdr. Thomas Simpson; Home Guard: Lce.-Sgt. R. C. M. Parker.

Awards To Airmen

Two airmen receive the British Empire Medal, military division. They are Sgt. F. R Woolven and A.C.2 Enos Garrett.

Sgt. Woolven and some comrades were travelling by sea when their ship was shelled. They took to a makeshift raft, and after 24 hours they were picked up by a warship.

Aircraftman Garrett saved a woman's life during a heavy air raid.

Other awards announced include:

M.B.E., Military Division.—Sec. Lt. (actg. Lt.) E. E. A. Chetwynd Talbot (previously awarded the George Cross for carrying a time-bomb to safety).

British Empire Medal, Military Division.—Cpl. C. A. Brewer, Sapper W. D. Scott, Lce.-Cpl. C. F. Nourse, Sapper W. Watts, Cpl. W. F. Tannatt, Fusilier R. Gaskell, Fusilier R. Ferguson. Actg. Sgt. F. Armitage, Pte. P. T. Ward; and the following members of the Home Guard; Sec. Ldr. G. Turner, Asst. Sec. Ldr. H. T. Morris, Volunteers E. T. Wiston. E. T. Smith, W. L. Badcock, L. Tidball.

RADIO

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—A Programme of Light Popular Classics.
"Henry VIII" Dances — Shepherd's Dance; Morris Dance; Torch Dance (German)....The New Symphony Orchestra.
Le Cygne (Saint-Saens) .... Marcel Mule (Alto Saxophone) with Piano.
Waltz in C Sharp Minor (Chopin).... Bronislaw Huberman (Violin) with Piano.
Waltz from "The Sleeping Beauty" (Tchaikovsky); Liebestraum, No. 3 (Liszt)....Marek Weber & his Orch.
Nocturne In E Flat Major (Es Dur) Op. 9, No. 2 (Chopin) .... Arthur Rubinstein (Piano Solo).
Rustle Of Spring (Binding)....Albert Sandler Trio.
7.17 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado".
The Sun, Whose Rays Are All Ablaze ....Elsie Griffin (Soprano) with Orchestra
Here's A How-De-Do! .... Griffin, D. Oldham & H. Laytton.
Mi-Ya Sa Ma....B. Lewis, D. Fancourt & Chorus with Orchestra.
A More Humane Mikado .... Darrell Fancourt (Baritone) with Chorus & Orchestra.
See How The Fates....D. Fancourt, B. Lewis, A. Davies, H. Laytton & L. Sheffield.
The Flowers That Bloom In The Spring....D. Oldham, H. Laytton with Orchestra.
Alone, And Yet Alive....Bertha Lewis (Contralto).
On A Tree....Henry A. Lytton (Baritone) with Orchestra.
There Is Beauty....B Lewis & H. A. Lytton.
For He's Gone & Married Yum-Yum ....A. Davies, H. Lytton, D. Oldham, E. Griffin, B. Elburn, L. Sheffield, G. Baker & Chorus with Orch.
7.45 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.
Finger Prints (Engleman).
Medley—Intro: My Blue Heaven; Sweet Sue; The Japanese Sandman.
My Favourites—Intro: Blue Room; Smoke Gets In Your Eyes; These Foolish Things; Just One More Chance; There's A Small Hotel; Thanks For The Memory.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay — War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay — "Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Norman Long (Entertainer) in Variety.
Piano—'Round The 'Ouses (Burnaby & Long); It Wouldn't Have Done For The Duke, Sir (Wass)....Norman Long.
Organ—Finch Favourites—Intro: The Mem'ry Of A Rose; Ferryboat Serenade; Blueberry Hill; Maybe; Lovely Old Lady; Goodnight Again ....Horace Finch.
Vocal—Rhumboogie (from film "Argentine Nights"); The Cockeyed Mayor Of Kaunakakai (Anderson) ....The Andrews Sisters with Orch.
Mandoline—Valse De Concert (Enrico Marucelli); Souvenir De Sicile (S. Leonardi)....Maria B. Selvittaro with Piano.
Entertainer—Seven Veils (De Sylva-Brown-Henderson)....Norman Long with Piano.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—A Schumann Programme.
Phantasiestucke, Op. 73 (For Piano & Clarinet)....Reginald Kell & Gerald Moore.
The Two Grenadiers....Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.
Abendlied....Manuel Quiroga (Violin Solo) with Piano.
Concerto In A Minor Op. 54—1st Mov: Allegro affettuoso—Andante expressivo; 2nd Mov: Intermezzo—Andantino grazioso; 3rd Mov: Allegro vivace....Alfred Cortot (Piano) & The London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.46 p.m.—English Ballads.
Watchman, What Of The Night (Sarjeant)....Peter Dawson (singing a duet with himself).
Ballad Of Yesterday—(Teresa del Riego)—Intro: O Dry Those Tears; Happy Song; Thank God For A Garden; Homing....The Hon. W. Brownlow (Bar.) with Orchestra.
In An Old Fashioned Town (Squire) ....Titterton (Tenor) with Piano.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay — The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Anita; I Used To Love You...."Fats" Waller & his Orch.
Tangos—Mal De Ausencia; Pura Milonga....Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Fox-Trots—Where Or When (from film "Babes In Arms"); Good Morning....Jack Hylton & his Orch.
Rumba Fox-Trots—African Lament ....Don Azpiazu & his Havana Casino Orchestra; Mama Inez.... Havana Novelty Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—The Lamp Is Low; Back To Back (from film "Second Fiddle")....Jimmy Dorsey & his Orch.
Quick-Step—On The Isle Of May; Waltz—When Our Dreams Grow Old....Joe Loss & his Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Safe In My Heart; When You Come To The End Of A Journey....The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Britain Today"—Discussion.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

TIN HAT BALL

ONE OF THE MAIN FEATURES AT THE TIN HAT BALL WHICH IS TO BE HELD AT THE PENINSULA HOTEL ON OCTOBER 3, IN AID OF HONG KONG'S BOMBER FUND, WILL BE AN ENTIRELY NEW CABARET BY CAROL BATEMAN, ASSISTED BY GELSTON GILMOUR. SEVERAL NEW DANCE NUMBERS ARE NOW BEING REHEARSED BY LEADING MEMBERS OF THE COLONY'S FAIR SEX, AND THE FACT THAT CAROL IS, WITH HER USUAL ABILITY AND ORIGINALITY, UNDERTAKING THE PRODUCTION, GIVES EVERY PROMISE THAT THE SHOW WILL BE A VERY PLEASING ONE.

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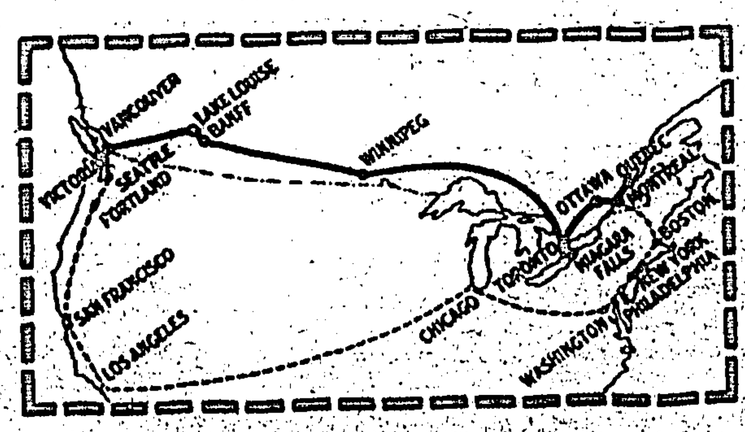

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WITNESS DECLINES ANSWER

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cept Nos. 8 and 16, which will be ventilated by the Dutch system, we have altogether 13 shafts, and 4 rises to be used instead of shafts.

Witness said that the question as to how many ventilation vents were worked by machinery had been answered.

24-Hour Basis

How many tunnels are completed that can house people on the basis of 24 hours was the next information required of witness, who stated that at the present time there is accommodation for approximately 130,000 on a 24-hour basis. When mechanical ventilation has been installed on all sites, this mark can be brought up to 200,000.

Chairman: On whose authority do you make this statement? — On our engineers.

When you say completed, how many tunnels have been completed since the Enquiry started? — The term completed is rather ambiguous. It depends on the Medical and A.R.P. departments who are continually changing their plans.

Chairman: I think in fairness to you or Marsman's, it would be correct to say that all the tunnelling has been completed to accommodate the number or people planned? Originally they were intended as hide-outs for people . . . .

Well, let us say that as hide-outs they are completed. — There is no doubt that in an emergency they will be used.

You won't say that they can compare with the A.R.P. tunnels in England? — Yes.

Mr. Carman:—You brought up the question of salary amounting to $13,672.01. That was for the month ended July 31, 1941. You asked whether 10 per cent. was charged on items bought and sold to Kin Lee. On the question of Kin Lee, we were requested to supply them with equipment. The matter was discussed and I maintained that while we purchased the necessary equipment in Hong Kong and Manila we were entitled to 10 per cent. At a subsequent conversation with the P.W.D., we agreed not to charge on items sold to Kin Lee.

Chairman:—You charged 10 per cent. on purchases?—I presume so.

Plant Values

Mr. Carman:—You asked what was the highest capital value of plant hired to Government.—The highest value was in January, 1941, and amounted $27,200, and the lowest was in May, which was $15,050.

Continuing, Mr. Carman said that on October 2 he submitted to the P.W.D., through Mr. Campbell, a list of equipment his firm had acquired through hire or purchase and sent a list to Mr. Pearce on October 4, covering equipment purchased on a 50 per cent. amortisation basis. His firm was prepared to take same back on 50 per cent. of the value if the job did not pass the experimental stage.

This was confirmed by the P.W.D. on November 1, but Mr. Campbell thought that the rate charged by Hong Kong Mines was too high and referred the matter to Mr. Pearce. As Hong Kong Mines were giving up plant that they were using, they would not reduce the price and therefore the price was agreed by Government.

In January, the matter again came up for review, but as he felt that there would be no reduction of charges, he suggested that Mr. Pearce take the matter up himself. The result was that the price was reduced to $3,450, the arrangement being confirmed by the P.W.D. and Hong Kong Mines in writing. His firm, therefore, had nothing to do with the arrangement, which was directly negotiated between Mr. Pearce and Hong Kong Mines.

Chairman:—Who are the Hong Kong Mines? — They have nothing to do with Marsman's; they are not a subsidiary company.

When did you start the tunnels at Belchers? — In October, 1940, but the scheme was extended from time to time.

Lorry Overloading

Referring to the overloading of lorries, witness said that from the very start it was necessary that muck be removed quickly. He took the matter up with Mr. Campbell who discussed the matter with the D.P.W., and as a result, witness was asked to write to the Police nine days after the job had started.

A letter written to the Traffic Department on September 23, was read, and was to the effect that the Company had come to an arrangement with the P.W.D. for A.R.P. work and that the excavations were to be taken to the Government Quarry at North Point. It was essential that the work should proceed as rapidly as possible, and that the costs be kept low. It would speed up work and reduce cost if the lorries were loaded to their full capacity which was higher than that permitted by licence. The letter asked for the necessary permission to do so and stated that permission had been received from the Port Development authorities and the P.W.D. to dump at North Point.

A reply was received from the Police Department, dated September 26, advising them that they would be permitted to over-load to the extent of 50 per cent. on the lower levels. The letter was signed by Mr. Bidmead.

Chairman: That is your authority for breaking the law. The Commissioner of Police gave you permission? —I don't understand. They have the privilege of making allowance.

You could not have over-loaded without permission or so-called permission?—I should say so.

Inoculation

Mr. Carman: You asked if Government Medical Department could not carry out the inoculation of workers. We suggested to Mr. Campbell, that not only in the interests of the tunnel workers, but of the Colony, also, that the P.W.D. should take up with the Medical Department the question of inoculation. The Medical Department said they could not send a medical officer to the site and suggested that we send the men to the various inoculation centres. That was impossible. It was necessary to take the men there from their work which would hold up the progress. It was impossible to round up the men and take them to the centres. We therefore, took the matter up again with P.W.D., with Mr Campbell and Mr. Pearce, and told them we were concerned about the cholera, one case having been reported, and I was afraid the Medical Department would close down on us.

After discussion with the Medical Department, it was agreed that they would supply the vaccine and that my firm would supply the doctors. On a pay day, the men were inoculated.

Chairman: So the medical authorities refused to send a doctor to the site?—Yes.

That is why you employed outside doctors?—Yes.

Entered In Error

Referring to a voucher for $1,624.50 which had been cancelled, witness said the amount had been entered in the disbursements list twice, in error, but Government was credited on March 3. The error was discovered by Marsman's.

Chairman: You charge 10 per cent. on each item on the disbursements list?—Yes.

When you credited Government did you give 10 per cent. credit?—Yes.

Regarding the value of purchases in August, witness said that he had no figures yet but he thought the amount was $13,000.

The chairman told Mr. Carman that in the course of the inquiry, a statement had been made that whisky and tobacco was given by Marsman's last Christmas and asked if it was true.

Witness: I am afraid I must decline an answer. It may incriminate my firm.

Chairman: Therefore you are not prepared to answer?

No answer was given.

Do you know if Marsman's made any subscriptions to the A.R.P. Club?—Yes.

What amount?—I think $1,000. I will ascertain that.

To whom?—To Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins.

By cheque?—Yes.

Got a receipt?—Yes.

Do you know Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins?—I do.

How long?—I met him in November, 1940.

Have you seen him often?—I have seen him on occasions at tiffin at the Hong Kong Hotel. I have tiffin there often and saw him three or four times.

Asked To Dinner

Have you ever asked him to dinner?—I asked him once, after I heard that he was to be transferred to India. When I asked him he said he was very busy, but later he accepted.

Was Miss Mimi Lau there?—Yes.

Who else was there?—Mrs. Carman likes Chinese food. We had it at Cafe de Chine, 95, Caine Road.

As Mr. Carman was beginning to mention the names of the other people, the Chairman interrupted to say that the Commissioners were not asking for them. Mr. Tinson, however, wanted to learn the names, and three were mentioned by Mr. Carman, viz: Mr and Mrs. Lloyd and Mr. Thomson.

Mr. Tinson: I would like to say you asked as to whether Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins was there, which can only mean an insinuation if you asked if one other person was also there, and then you did not ask for the names of the other people.

Chairman: Insinuation of what?

Mr. Tinson: Of saying one other person was there and then not wanting to know the names of the others.

Chairman: I said I did not want the names, but you then said you would want them, and you are having them.

The Commission adjourned briefly, after which Chan Kwong-wai, "accountant" of the Kin Lee firm, was called. In reply to the Chairman, he said he was not the accountant but a clerk and was in charge of only a portion of the books. He was in charge of the accounts for nullahs and drains.

The Chairman then told Mr. Davidson that the witness was of no service to the Commission.

Questioned, witness said that he had nothing to do with any books relating to A.R.P. work.

Tallies

You yourself had nothing to do with the accounts?—No, but part of my duty was to pay off the workmen.

Where did you pay off the workmen?—At the Kowloon workshop.

Are these workmen employed in connection with tunnels?—Yes.

What is the procedure when you pay them off?—I pay according to the tendering of tallies or pieces of paper.

Who gives you the money to pay over?—A man called Kwong Ping-kwan.

Is he employed by Kin Lee?—Yes.

What is his position in Kin Lee?—He is a buyer.

What does he buy?—He buys materials for the firm.

You get the money from him to pay the workmen?—Yes.

You don't know where he gets the money from, do you?—No, but I presume he gets it from the office.

You pay them according to tallies?—No, pieces of paper.

Strung Together

What do you do with the paper?—I string them together.

And what do you do with them, then?—I hand them over to a man whose name I do not know.

Well now, having paid over the money, do you enter it in any book?—No.

What happens if a workman does not turn up for his wages?—Every workman was paid.

You have not had a case where a workman failed to turn up?—No.

And I understand from you that all the workmen are employed by Kin Lee and not by a sub-contractor?—By Kin Lee.

How many men, at most, have you paid a day?—Sometimes more, sometimes less.

I want numbers, approximate numbers?—Between 130 and 140 men, at the most.

Is there anybody present to identify the workmen to you?—No sir.

Pay On Production

Then how did you know whether you are paying to the right man?—I pay only on production of the slip of paper.

But those papers may have been stolen?—I would pay to anybody who answers to the name on the paper.

Supposing a man came, not the right man, a stranger, you would pay not knowing whether he is the right man?—That is so. I would pay anybody who produces a paper.

And, according to this wonderful scheme of Kin Lee's, there is a possibility that the man who makes out those papers, may give a few extra ones to his friends?—Yes, but the workmen were counted and checked by a Government official.

Who?—I do not know the name.

You have only heard this, you never saw it for yourself?—That is so.

What type of work do these men do?—The work done was recorded on the slips of paper.

Can you recall what kind of work?—There were five types of work.

The Man Wanted

Addressing Mr. Blake at this stage, the chairman said: Mr. Blake, he mentioned the man to whom he gave those slips of paper. That is the man we want, and also the clerk or clerks who kept the accounts in connection with A.R.P. tunnels, in Hunghom. You know the large book that you kept in English?

Mr. Blake: You mean the large loose-leaf book, sir?—Yes, we want the man who kept that book please.

Chairman (to witness): Do you remember the largest amount you ever took over to Kowloon?—Between $100 and $200.

No more than $200?—The biggest was between $200 and $300.

At this point hearing was adjourned till 3 p.m.

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SAPPER QUITE IMPRESSIVE AT MORNING TRAINING BUT FAR VIEW UNLIKELY TO WIN

By "Rapier"

THE SECOND HALF OF THE LOCAL RACING SEASON WILL START ON SATURDAY WEEK, SEPTEMBER 27, AND ALL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOW BEEN COMPLETED.

The ponies have been given harder work within the past week, and the majority appear to be ready for the re-opening.

With the usual complement of jockeys in Hong Kong, together with the transfer back to this port of Mr. G. R. Cheape, a promising jockey who graduated up in Shanghai, owners generally should be well served in this department.

MR. L. B. CHAO HAS SEVERED HIS CONNECTION WITH THE MARBER STABLE AND WILL HENCEFORTH HANDLE PONIES FROM MR. S. W. LEE'S STABLE, WHILE MR. H. S. CHANG WILL RIDE FOR THE MARBER AND WHY STABLES AT THE COMING MEETINGS

Messrs. H. C. Pih and G. Treverton, however, will not be available as the former underwent an operation for appendicitis recently and the latter is on holiday.

In this article I will give a few notes on the form of the old Australian Subs. and the China Subs. and so conclude by comments on the ponies following the Summer vacation.

Australian Subs.

SAPPER, Champion Australian pony, has changed hands and will be racing under new colours. It is looking very fit, and its movement in morning gallops has been quite impressive. There is no denying the fact that Sapper is hard to beat from the mile upward carrying weight as per inches.

FAR VIEW, the ex-champion, was sent out to Fanling for rest after the Melbourne Cup at the First Extra meeting, when it ran unplaced. It is now in harness again, but, judging from its track work, I have come to the conclusion that Far View is not the Far View of yore, and I doubt if it will ever be good enough to win an "A" Class race.

MANY THANKS, which dead-heated with Distant View in the Shark Bay Handicap over the mile in record time when carrying 135 lb., has shown further improvement after the recess, and may be depended on to give a good account of itself amongst the "A" Class ponies.

Lancashire Chips Will Still Need Watching

LANCASHIRE CHIPS fell off rather badly when running in "A" Class, but regained its old form when it dead-heated with Mainsail for first place in the Manley Handicap (First Section) carrying top-weight in a "B" Class encounter in record time. However, this pony is still showing good form at morning gallops and should be borne in mind over short distances.

VICEROY does not seem to move too well at its morning exercises, and I am afraid its chances of winning a race in "A" Class are rather remote. In "B" Class, however, it may bring off a win or two.

BAFFIN BAY has not summered too well and seems to have lost a great deal of flesh. Judging from its workout last Saturday, it cannot be compared to the pony which won the Brisbane Spring Handicap over two miles in record time.

A GRAND TIME, another former champion, is regaining some of its old form although, good as this pony is, I am afraid that it is not good enough to win a race in its present class.

Cheerful Star In First Class Condition

CHEERFUL STAR, which won the Bondi Handicap for "C" Class ponies over the Champions distance to equal the record, is at the moment in first class condition and should win a race or two in "B" Class.

CATTERICK BRIDGE is quite tuned up for action and should be borne in mind for races over the mile in its present class.

ROWAN, which was a skeleton of a pony before winning the Manley Handicap (Second section), for "B" Class, has put on a great deal of weight during the Summer interval, and I am afraid it will not be ready in time for the coming meeting.

SPRINGHURST is also tuned up for action, and it should be worth following whenever it appears in races of a mile and less.

CONTACT, which lost to Rowan and Springhurst over six furlongs when ridden by Mr. Craven, is looking much better since its last run and, from what I have seen, it will be a strong contender in the "B" Class race at the coming meeting, especially with Mr. Davis riding.

CONNIEBER, PICCADILLY JIM, ROOIFLY and NATIONAL VICTORY are not as good as they should be but may improve as time goes on.

BRUTUS, CRIFFEL, PUMPERNICKEL, CENTRE COURT, COCKLEROI, DEVONIAN, SHUTTLECOCK and WINNIE are all in good shape, and I expect them to be prominent at later meetings in their respective class.

CHINA SUBS

Amongst the Subs. still racing at the moment KING KONG, the champion Sub. which was purchased by Mr. S. W. Lee at the Public Auction, appears to have benefitted from the Summer recess, and its appearance seems to indicate that it will still have a win or two for its new owner.

CELTIC STAR is being very patiently trained by Mr. Craven and should be kept in mind at future meetings.

STRATHBANNOCK is coming along again after being in the background for sometime, and it may win a race this second half.

GUINNESS TIME, THIS TIME and WEST LAKE are still sluggish in their movements but will probably get into condition after a few hard gallops.

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MAJOR HOGG ARRIVES WITH NEW PONIES

Major F. Hogg, Jockey Club's veterinary surgeon, who has been away on a holiday in Australia, returned to the Colony yesterday. On the same boat were the 30 Australian ponies, the last of the importations for the 1942 racing season, the first two batches having arrived earlier in the year.

"The ponies were in a very excellent condition all the way, but I am afraid they have fallen off a little, due to the buffetting experienced after we left Manila, the weather all the way up from there being very bad indeed," said Major Hogg.

Major Hogg said he travelled about a great deal while in Australia and as a result had time to take in only one race meeting —"a country meeting at Albury."

The new Australian ponies are now being landed and taken to the Jockey Club stables at Happy Valley.

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Captain Elsey, Multon trainer, says that instead of £400 and £500 races, Northern trainers would prefer additional races of £200 and £250 each, making seven or eight races a day. South-country competition for the bigger prizes was very strong, he adds.

BIG HITTING IN CALE GREENGAME

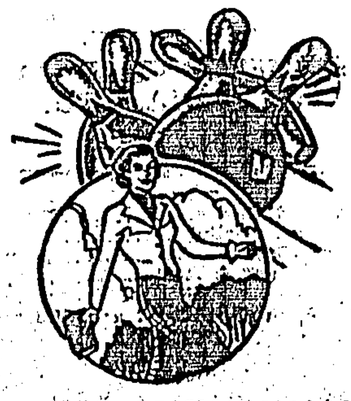
After being on military duty all night, Major Herbert Sutcliffe travelled more than a hundred miles to take part in a match at Cale Green, Stockport, for the "Daily Dispatch" War Comforts Fund.

His enthusiasm gained its own reward, for it is expected that the Fund will benefit by more than £300, and his eleven beat Jack Iddon's team by four wickets with 10 minutes to spare.

A crowd of 5,000 saw some fine batting, the players being spurred on by offers made by various sportsmen to pay one shilling a run to the Fund for innings played by their favourites.

The biggest innings was played by W. Barber, the Yorkshire batsman, whose first scoring strokes were four 4's, a 6, and then another 4, and he hit altogether two 6's and twelve 4's in his 82.

George Cox hit a 6 and five 4's, George Pope a 6 and four 4's, while on Iddon's side Paynter hit a 6 and six 4's, Iddon a 6 and ten 4's, and Butterworth ten 4's.



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BOXING POSTPONED

IT IS LEARNED THAT OWING TO OTHER COUNTER-ATTRACTIONS, CHIEFLY THE TIN HAT BALL, AND THE FACT THAT ARMY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS HAVE CLAIMED THE TIME OF SOME OF THE MEN WHO WERE TO HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE BOXING TOURNAMENT ON OCTOBER 3, AT STAR THEATRE, THIS TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31.

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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WAITS 22 YEARS FOR HAT TRICK

No cricketer could miss a famous hat-trick by a more exasperatingly narrow margin than to take two Yorkshire wickets with successive balls and then have none other than Wilfrid Rhodes dropped off the third.

And when a few seasons later history repeats itself with Rhodes again the batsman, missed off the third ball, the baffled bowler is entitled to conclude fate does not mean him to be numbered among the first-class hat-tricksters.

This happened to Nigel Haig, and I am telling the story because the famous Middlesex skipper, at the age of 53, has just achieved in a club match at Middleton, Sussex, the hat-trick which eluded him through 22 years of all grades of first-class cricket, writes L. V. Manning.

Curious how the drama of his two Yorkshire "near things," with Rhodes featuring in both, escaped the recorders all these years.

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Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club's first practice match of the season will be held at 4 p.m. on September 20 on the "Y" ground, King's Park. Players are requested to bring both Club and white shirts.

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Mr. J. Skinner, chairman of Hong Kong Football Club and League Management Committee of Hong Kong Football Association, is endeavouring to get all clubs with enclosed grounds to agree to a uniform price of admission to football games.

OPENING FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Following are the opening fixtures in the Hong Kong Football League, which commences on Saturday, September 27:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

First Division

Police v St. Joseph's (Boundary Street, 5.45 p.m.)
Kowloon v Club (Kowloon, 5.45 p.m.)
Middlesex v Eastern (Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)
Sing Tao v Engineers (Club, 5.45 p.m.)

Second Division

Police v Service Corps (Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)
Kowloon v Club (Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)
Middlesex v Eastern (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
Sing Tao v Engineers (Club, 4.15 p.m.)
7th R.A. v Ordnance (St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)
Kit Chee v 12th R.A. (Caroline Hill, 5.45 p.m.)

Third Division

University v 20th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 5.45 p.m.)
965th R.A. v 12th R.A. (Stanley, 4.15 p.m.)
24th R.A. v Medicals (Military, 5.45 p.m.)
7th R.A. v Signals (Military, 4.15 p.m.)
Pung Ngai v Shell (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

First Division

Royal Scots v Navy (Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)
South China v Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 5.45 p.m.)

Second Division

Royal Scots v Signals (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
South China v Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)

Third Division

30th R.A. v 36th R.A. (Stanley, 5.45 p.m.)
Air Force v Service Corps (Chatham Road, 5.45 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Second Division

Sing Tao v South China (Caroline Hill, 5.45 p.m.)
Engineers v Kwong Wah (Military, 5.45 p.m.)
Kowloon v Royal Scots (Kowloon, 5.45 p.m.)
Club v Signals (Club, 5.45 p.m.)
7th R.A. v Police (Boundary Street, 5.45 p.m.)
Ordnance v Service Corps (Military, 4.15 p.m.)
Kit Chee v Middlesex (Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)
12th R.A. v Eastern (Chatham Road, 5.45 p.m.)

Third Division

965th R.A. v 24th R.A. (Stanley, 4.15 p.m.)
12th R.A. v Medicals (Stanley, 5.45 p.m.)
30th R.A. v University (St. Joseph's, 5.45 p.m.)
36th R.A. v 20th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
Pung Ngai v Air Force (Prince Edward Rd., 5.45 p.m.)
Signals v Lanford (Military, 5.45 p.m.)
Shell v Service Corps (Ground to be notified later.)

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AVERY SCORES CENTURY

A crowd of 4,000 at Warrington saw George Duckworth's XI (226 for six declared) draw with an R.A.F. XI (171 for seven) in a match in aid of the "Daily Dispatch" War Comforts Fund. Eddie Paynter hit four 6's and nine 4's in scoring 94 for Duckworth's XI.

A. V. Avery (Essex) hit 103 for British Empire XI, who won by 138 runs at West Wickham. C. B. Clarke, West Indies Test bowler, took 5 for 28 and was then hurt in falling on a coil of barbed wire.

It will be recalled that Avery visited Hong Kong with the Islington Corinthians' touring football team and played one innings at Kowloon Cricket Club.

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CRICKET LEAGUE MEETING

The annual meeting of Hong Kong Cricket League will be held in the Urban Council Chamber, Post Office Building, on Thursday, September 25, at 5.15 p.m.

In view of the fact that the Urban Council may be removing to their new headquarters next to Supreme Court, on or about that date, the venue for the meeting may be changed, in which case a notification will appear in the press.

LEN HARVEY TO RETURN TO RING?

Pilot-Officer Len Harvey, British and Empire heavy-weight champion and R.A.F. since the first siren is at last persuaded to defend his title?

The whisper is persistent that a fight is well on the way to being fixed up, writes L. V. Manning, and that Tommy Farr is the opponent. If not Farr, it would be either Jack London or Doyle.

The news, if it materialises, is all the more startling because Harvey had made no secret of the fact that he had no intention of defending his title during the war. Moreover, he felt strongly that he ought not to be expected to do so.

In peace-time the matching of these two would be hailed as a "natural," and even with a war on it would stir the alley like no match has done since September 3, 1939.

Venue Secret

Harvey was 34 yesterday. Farr is 26. Harvey has not been in the ring for a serious contest for two years—July 10, 1939, when he beat McAvoy, and Farr not since November 10 same year, when he defeated Manuel Abrew in Dublin.

Whether Farr has gone back during his enforced absence from the ring, and whether the always-fit Harvey can still make it at the age of 34 are the intriguing queries which would make the fight a sell-out at top prices.

The idea is an open-air night show. Where is still "hush-hush," but I can say it won't be Wembley, White City, or Harringay.

HARVEY DECLINES WORLD TITLE BOUT

Len Harvey, British cruiser-weight and heavy-weight champion, has refused an offer to fight Billy Conn in Canada for the world light-heavyweight title, which both claim.

GOLFING ITEMS

Collings Wins Valley & Kowloon Titles In Same Year

As generally expected, R. K. Collings won the Happy Valley Golf Championship last Sunday with an aggregate of 152 (78 and 74) with J. M. Thomson runner-up, two strokes behind (73-81=154).

Collings, however, started very badly, having a 6 at the very first hole, and then, after having recovered somewhat in the afternoon, was short with his second shot at the last hole.

A large number of spectators had gathered at the club-house, including Thomson, who had finished with 154, and they all applauded when Collings chipped out of the bunker in great style and sank his putt for a par 4.

Had he failed to do this the championship would no doubt have gone to Thomson, who played excellent golf in the morning he led the field by five strokes at the end of the first 18 holes—but fell off in the afternoon.

A. J. Dennis fought back well with an excellent round of 74 in the afternoon, after a poor round of 87 in the morning, while the steadiest player of the day was K. S. Robertson, whose cards for morning and afternoon both read 78.

RARE "DOUBLE"

THIS is the first title Collings has won at the Valley, and it provided him with a rare "double" as he had won the Kowloon Golf Club Championship earlier in the year, beating his partner T. B. Low in the Final.

Some years ago he also won the K.G.C. Championship when he beat K. Robertson in the Final.

Collings, partnered by Low, also won this year's First and Second Summer Foursomes at the Valley.

PADGHAM 70

ALF Padgham and W. J. Cox beat Henry Cotton and George Stephenson, the local professional, 2 and 1 in a four-ball at Wendover recently. Padgham was round in 70, Cox 71, Cotton 72, and Stephenson 78.

WELCOME NEWS

MRS. Dai Rees, wife of the former match-play golf champion, has been anxiously awaiting news of her husband who is overseas with his R.A.F. unit.

He went about three months ago, since when she has been running his shop for him at Hindhead and watching for the postman.

Last month she had a letter from a total stranger from somewhere in the Middle East which said: "Dai is playing beautiful golf."

HINDHEAD MATCH

ALF Padgham and T. R. A. Bevan beat Captain Somerville, six times Canadian champion, who had borrowed Dai Rees's clubs, and Bill Cox 5 and 4 in the "Daily Sketch" War Relief Fund four-ball at Hindhead.

The winners took the lead at the fifth, and when they won the ninth, 10th, and 11th in 3, 2, 3, the match was virtually settled.

Bevan holed across the green for a 2 at the 10th, and Alfred nonchantly knocked in a long one for a "birdie".

After the match an auction included a case of 500 lemons, which brought spirited bidding, a tame duck and a hen complete with a sitting of eggs.

OPEN WINNER LOSES

A BIG and enthusiastic crowd at Purley Downs watched the "Daily Sketch" War Relief Fund golf match in which Alfred Padgham and Charles Johns, the home professional, beat the Open champion, Dick Burton, and Arthur Lacey by 4 and 3.

The winners finished in six under fours after Burton and Lacey had held the lead until the seventh.

After the match the balls were auctioned on the home green and brought in £13 10s., and there was also an auction in the club-house, and a putting competition for the public.

This was organised by the famous Open champion, James Braid, and Mr. W. Grechslade, an 84-year-old member of Purley Downs.

TYPES OF PLAYERS

A FORTNIGHT ago we gave you one or two of the golfing types Richards Vidmer had met. Here are some more:

Of course you've met Temperamental Tommy. He never likes any shot he hits. If he puts a No. 2 iron shot ten feet from the pin he shakes his head in disappointment because he was off line, and if he explodes out of a trap within three feet he is mad because he wasn't closer. When he really misses a shot he goes into a red rage and calls himself names. Sometimes he even throws his clubs, although I have found that club throwers are getting fewer and fewer.

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THE "MUMBLER"

THEN there's the mumbler. He is always talking to himself as he strolls around the course and if you sneak up behind him and listen you will hear him muttering, "Two pars for a 43. I never should have three-putted the fifth hole. And that was a horrible drive I hit on the third. Might have had at 41 if I had any sense. Well, 43 is all right." Then he'll wind up with a couple of sixes and his usual 47.

I have gone into the lotterers before and rather at length. They are rather a tribe of their own, and come into various classes. Some loiter by being unable to make up their minds. Some freeze when they address the ball and it takes a couple of minutes for them to get up the nerve to swing. Some have to study every lie from all angles. And some just walk slowly. They aren't very pleasant to play with, but they're even worse to play behind.

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THE "HUSTLER"

AND, of course, on the other hand, there's the hustler. He hits his shot and immediately starts after it without waiting for you to hit yours. He thinks he can make everybody else in the game hurry up by galloping along himself, with the result that he's generally way out in front of the others and almost invariably has to be halted with a shout of "fore!"

There also is the self-appointed pro. If he can play just as well as you, or perhaps a couple of shots better, he spends most of his time giving you a free lesson. He'll tell you just what was wrong with every shot, even when you hit a good one, and he knows that you can cure that fade if you just close your stance a little. He never knows that you've been trying to cure the damn thing for three years and closing your stance never has helped yet.

All are probably very familiar to you if you're a golfer. Perhaps you are one of them yourself. I know I am.

BOWLS OFF

H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, holders, were to have met S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar in the Quarter Final of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs championship this afternoon at Kowloon Bowling Green Club at 5.15 p.m., but the game has since been postponed.

LANE, CRAWFORD SUCCESS

At Happy Valley on Sunday, Lane, Crawford's beat Civil Service Cricket Club by 49 runs in a friendly cricket match, the scores being:—

LANEFORD: 149 (A. B. Hamson, 37 retired, E. C. Fincher 31; G. Stone 4 for 37, P. D. Crawley 3 for 18).

CIVIL SERVICE: 100 (W. Colledge 30, G. Stone 22; T. Edgar, 2 for 0, J. Lodge 2 for 13, A. B. Hamson 2 for 14).

The scores printed in last Monday's editions were inaccurate, giving the result of the match as a draw.

OLIDON HAD REAL BAD LUCK

A GAME LITTLE HORSE TRAVELLED TWO AND A QUARTER MILES IN THE GOLD CUP, ONLY TO LOSE ITS VALUABLE PRIZE IN THE LAST STRIDE BY A HEAD, WRITES GIMCRACK.

It was Miss Dorothy Paget's Olidon, and it would have beaten Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen's Finis but for falling lame late in the race.

"Finis seemed to be taking one stride to little Olidon's three," said Tommy Carey, Olidon's jockey, to me after the race. "Olidon changed his legs once or twice during the race."

But, for these little lapses and the fact that he was found lame on pulling up, I am certain Olidon would have justified my optimism in napping it.

Winterhalter was beaten by a neck for second place, and it was only in the last stride that Olidon conceded the verdict to Finis.

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ENGLISH CRICKET UNSHAKEN

The cream of 'Varsity cricket and a generous sprinkling of famous names gave the recent Anti-Aircraft Brigade v. a Lord's XI. match the air of a rationed Gentlemen v. Players duel with a much better title, writes L. V. Manning.

Joe Hardstaff's aesthetic leg glances made his half hundred good to look at while G. F. Heane and E. R. T. Holmes competed evenly for the off-drive championship.

The pace and pick-up of young Crutchley in the wide open spaces was best amateur vintage and helped the onlookers to be sure that when A. Hitler is caught J. Stalin, bowled W. Churchill English cricket will snap right back to post war standard.

UNITED SERVICES' ELEVEN TO CLASH WITH ARMY TO-DAY

By "Referee"

With the playing fields now open to football, clubs are endeavouring to get in as much practice as possible in the 10 days left before the first League game and several friendly games have been arranged to be played during the week, while the various Batteries and Units have fixed up games among themselves at Stanley and wherever an Army ground is available.

The United Service team to play in the Charity game against Combined Eastern and Sing Tao on Saturday are having a final practice against the Rest of the Army at Causeway Bay this afternoon at 6 p.m., weather permitting.

At Boundary Street, South China, League champions, meet Police, who hope to be at full strength, while Air Force, Third Division champions, make their first public appearance this season when they meet Police Juniors.

To-morrow Engineers, newcomers to First Division, will be given their first real test when they entertain Eastern at Sookunpoo. It will be recalled that Sappers beat Club 7-3 last Saturday, while Eastern beat Police 6-4 on Sunday.

During the week-end practically all clubs will be playing friendly games.

Following are the coming charity and friendly soccer games:—

To-Day

SENIOR

United Services v Army
(Navy ground, 6 p.m.)
Police v South China
(Boundary Street, 5.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. H. Beard.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Williamson and Taylor.
St. Joseph's v Ordnance
(St. Joseph's, 5.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. F. A. Barretto.

JUNIOR

Police v Air Force
(Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Edwards.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Peralta & Wilson.

Thursday

SENIOR

Engineers v Eastern
(Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Mitchell.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Lancaster and Young.

Saturday

CHARITY MATCH

Eastern-Sing Tao v United Services
(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)

SENIOR

Police v Kwong Wah
(Boundary Street, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Kossick.
Linesmen:—Messrs. James and Hancock.
Club v Sing Tao
(Club, 6 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Emmons.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Lai Po-deun and E. Lai.
Kowloon v Middlesex
(Kowloon, 5.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Smith.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Moore & Watson.

FOOTBALL OFF

The practice football game between United Services and Army, arranged for this afternoon, has been cancelled owing to the state of the ground.

The Police games against South China and Air Force have also been cancelled.

JUNIOR

Police v Kwong Wah
(Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Taylor.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Moggeridge and Young.
Club v Sing Tao
(Club, 5 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Williamson.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Wilson & Vesco.
Kowloon v Middlesex
(Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Banham.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Yearling and Quinn.

Sunday

CHARITY MATCH

South China v Governor's Cup XI.
(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)

To-Day's Teams

Following are the teams for to-day's United Services practice match:—

Army XI:—Jackson (Middlesex); Naysmith (Royals) and Sheehan (Middlesex); Falconer (Royals), Guy (Artillery) and Young (R.A.S.C.); Coomer (Middlesex), Fox (Engineers), Auld (Royals), Pelham (Engineers) and Martin (R.A.S.C.).

United Services:—Bankier (Royals); Roughley (Navy) and Fraser (Royals); Birrell (Engineers), Bright (Middlesex) and Thomas (Middlesex); Hossack (Royals), Barber (Navy), Heridy (Navy), Le Page (Navy) and Duffield (Ordnance).

Reserves:—Sheehan (Middlesex) and Pelham (Engineers).

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A meeting of the League Management Committee of Hong Kong Football Association will be held this afternoon to make arrangements for the Charity game on October 10.

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Appointment of referees and linesmen for the opening football matches of the season will be made this evening at a meeting of the referees' sub-committee of Hong Kong Football Association.

Easier Golf

TRAINING THE LEFT HAND

By Best Ball

While there seems to be no short cut to a good golf game except hard practice along the right fundamental lines, one can increase left hand efficiency by conscious control. By this is meant a constant awareness of the job the left hand has to do in golf and the determination to make the left hand as strong and useful as possible in the swing. In addition to grip strengthening exercise: using an artificial grip strehgthener or a rubber ball, there are other methods which can be employed during a day of routine tasks. This method means the use of the left hand at any and all occasions where it can be substituted for the right.

Instead of using the right as usual, let the golfer employ the left where possible. Carrying a package, holding out the left hand to receive a bundle, taking hold of any object with this hand first will build up this member and make it take a more prominent place in the mind of the player. Continue to do little odd jobs such as those listed with the left and its value to the golf swing will flourish as a consequence.

Next Article:—
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HEAVY TANKS IN BIG NIGHT BATTLE

Moscow Claims An Important Victory

TIME BOMB EXPLODES IN SHANGHAI

A time-bomb exploded late last night just outside the offices of the Japanese-controlled International Radio Office in Shanghai, situated on the first floor of the Cathay Hotel.

Despite the terrific explosion, which blasted several doors on the same floor and smashed numerous windowpanes to smithereens, only one Chinese was slightly injured by falling glass.

The explosion is reported to have caused considerable damage to the radio company's transmitting sets and slight damage to the British-owned XGON radio station which is on the same floor.

The International Radio Office is the local branch of the Central China Telecommunications Co.—Reuter.

Terrific Blast

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL").

International News says the explosion occurred in the baggage room of the hotel at 11.35 p.m. Proximity of the baggage room to the radio offices shows clearly that the bomb was intended for the latter.

The blast was terrific and was heard several blocks away.

Police investigation shows the contraption was a time-bomb filled with T.N.T. The damage interrupted communications which were resumed after hasty repairs.—International News Service.

Grim Duel In Approach To Leningrad

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WHILE IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY THAT FIGHTING CONTINUES ALONG THE ENTIRE FRONT, SOVIET CIRCLES PREDICTED THAT THE GERMAN HORDES WOULD MEET "AN INGLORIOUS DEATH IN THE WINTER SNOWSTORMS."

The Russians claim to have gained a victory in a gigantic night battle between heavy tanks when the Germans tried to seize an important point in the approaches to Leningrad. The Germans are said to have fled in disorder leaving hundreds of dead.

In the south the Rumanians are said to be still suffering extreme losses in men and material in the approaches to Odessa.

Hitler's headquarters bombastically boast that the Germans have "decimated" 18 Russian divisions, approximately 270,000 men, in the Battle of Leningrad.

It was added that Moscow's defences have been weakened, and that Nazi troops have swept across the steppes into the Crimea.

Same Old Story

The Germans again claim the "collapse of Russian resistance" in the north, and said they took over 53,000 prisoners, 320 tanks, 700 field-guns and quantities of materials.

General von Busch's troops, says Hitler's headquarters, have completely annihilated nine Russian divisions and smashed nine more, all of the 11th, 27th and 34th Armies, which were hurled into the Leningrad battle.

"Something To Do"

The Berlin spokesman said the "crushing victory" in the Leningrad area "is the most suitable answer to Mr. Harriman's visit to Moscow."

He added that similar answers will follow and will give the U.S mission "something to do."

The spokesman labelled Col. Knox, U.S. Secretary of Navy, as "Roosevelt's trumpeter," assigned to go further than his chief.—International News Service.

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STOP PRESS

WATSON'S TEST CASE

MESSRS. A. S. WATSON AND COMPANY WERE SUMMONED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., THIS MORNING, FOR ALLEGED UNLAWFUL SALE OF CERTAIN DUTIABLE GOODS ON JULY 30.

The goods involved were some antiphlogistine, a toothache remedy, and Alcock's Porous Plaster.

Mr. W. A. MacKinlay, who appeared on behalf of the Company, said that it was a test case. Mr. J. P. Murphy, Crown Counsel, will appear for the prosecution.

The case was adjourned for a week.

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DEATH

FUNG KONG UN.—On Sunday, September 14, 1941, at No. 54, Bonham Road, Hong Kong, Fung Kong Un (owner of Fung Tang), aged 68 years. Funeral will take place today, September 17 and last respects will be paid at the Farewell Pavilion, Kennedy Town, at 2 p.m.

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